

'Close call' between Jews, Moslems in Cave of Patriarchs

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The curfew in Hebron was lifted for 12 hours yesterday, but tension in the town is still high and again almost erupted into violence when Jewish and Moslem worshippers confronted each other in the Cave of the Patriarchs.

The settlers say that before they left after morning prayers, a large crowd of Moslem worshippers streamed into the building and threatened them to such an extent

that they were forced to cock their weapons.

"They broke in before the curfew was officially lifted and there wasn't the normal order maintained inside the tomb," said a Kiryat Arba settler last night.

However, reports from soldiers stationed at the tomb, which is also known as the Ibrahim Mosque, indicate there was no real contact between the two groups. "The settlers are interested in maintaining

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What happened in Hebron:

'Gross taken to hospital by time soldiers arrived'

By DAVID RICHARDSON
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By the time the first soldiers arrived in the area in Hebron where yeshiva student Aharon Gross was attacked last Thursday, he had already been taken to the local Alia hospital. The first soldiers were on the scene at 1:05 p.m., only five minutes after the first report about the attack had been received at the military government headquarters overlooking the city.

Soldiers on duty in Hebron during the subsequent curfew were given explicit instruction to avoid any confrontation with Jewish settlers because they were armed and semi-hysterical. When fires were started in the market, the initial decision of the officers in charge was to allow the destruction of Arab-

owned property rather than risk of a possible bloody confrontation between soldiers and settlers.

These are among the findings of an initial military investigation into the events in Hebron last Thursday. Details of the findings were obtained by *The Jerusalem Post* from a military source last night.

The reconstruction of events following the fatal attack on Gross was based on testimony from three of his colleagues who drove up to the area as he was being attacked, settlers who were in the Hebron market at the time, soldiers and local Arab residents.

As Gross was being stabbed by his three alleged Arab attackers, there were several shots from his Uzi submachine gun. It is not clear whether Gross fired these as the

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U.S. opposed to rebuilding Jewish Quarter in Hebron

By WOLF BLITZER
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WASHINGTON. — The Reagan administration yesterday warned Israel against rebuilding the Jewish Quarter in Hebron.

The State Department insisted that such a step would further set back peace efforts in the Middle East.

"We do not consider the plan to build settlements in Hebron to be helpful in achieving an atmosphere on the West Bank conducive to the

peace process," spokesman Alan Romberg told reporters.

Reading from a prepared statement, Romberg reaffirmed the longstanding U.S. opposition to Israeli settlement activity on the West Bank. On this sensitive matter, he quoted from President Ronald Reagan's September 1 speech.

State Department officials said privately that yesterday's U.S. reaction was mild. They cited several

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An ultra-Orthodox demonstrator last night pushes a trash bin towards another burning bin in Jerusalem's Kikar Shabbat, during a protest by zealots against archeological excavations in the Old City. Story below. (Rahamim Israeli)

2 IDF men said killed in Lebanon

SIDON, Lebanon (Reuters). — Two Israeli soldiers were killed and six others wounded when a bomb exploded in south Lebanon yesterday, Lebanese security sources said.

There was no report of the inci-

dent by the IDF Spokesman last night.

The Lebanese sources said the blast occurred as an Israeli truck and two jeeps passed near the Hasbani bridge, east of Hasbaya. No further details were immediately

available.

Israeli forces in Lebanon have been the target of increasing attacks recently, and responsibility in most cases has been claimed by the Lebanese National Resistance Front.

Christian, Druze artillery duel kills motorists

BEIRUT. — Christian and Druze gunners battled with artillery and multiple rocket launchers in the hills overlooking Beirut yesterday. Police said shells crashed into a coastal highway north of the capital, killing three motorists and wounding five others.

It was the second straight day of sectarian duels after two weeks of relative quiet. Police were unable to determine what touched off the new round of hostilities.

Police said a man and his wife were killed as their car sustained a direct shell hit on the highway linking Beirut's Christian suburb of

Dbayeh with the Dog River bridge on the northern edge of the city. Another motorist was killed as he drove behind the hit car, police added.

Three other cars were set afire by falling shells on the same highway as "fierce" duels flared between the Christian town of Souk el-Gharb and the neighbouring Druze town of Aitah in the Shouf Mountains, police said. (Photo — page 2)

The outbreak coincided with a warning by Walid Jumblatt that the Druze would fight the Lebanese army "candlessly" if it moves into

the mountains to replace the Israeli army.

Jumblatt, head of the leftist opposition Progressive Socialist Party, was quoted by the independent English language *Jordan Times* newspaper as saying, a partial Israeli withdrawal would mean a *de facto* partition of Lebanon into Syrian and Israeli zones.

In another development, France denied a report from Beirut that it had agreed to send 3,000 more troops to help the Lebanese army patrol the mountain region in the event of an Israeli withdrawal. (AP, Reuters)

Zealots, police clash in Jerusalem

By MICHAEL EILAN
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Jerusalem Post Reporters

Ultra-Orthodox demonstrators yesterday evening staged a violent confrontation with police in the capital's Kikar Shabbat in what observers fear is the first in a series of protests this summer.

Police arrested 26 demonstrators during the two-and-a-half hour clash with ultra-Orthodox. One policewoman, who was hit in the

head by a rock, was still unconscious last night, and 10 other policemen and four of the ultra-Orthodox were hurt, according to police.

Ultra-Orthodox sources said last night that more members of their community were injured, but went to private doctors for treatment.

The demonstration started with a protest meeting in Mea She'arim, to which those responsible for the renewed archeological excavations

in Area G of the City of David were formally cursed by a crowd of about 2,000 people.

About half of the crowd then marched to the nearby Kikar Shabbat, where they engaged with the police in a running confrontation of over two hours.

Municipal garbage bins were set alight in the intersection and policemen and passersby were stoned with rocks and cloddblocks. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

Israel will act 'as if pact with Beirut exists'

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Israel has no choice but to proceed as though the agreement with Lebanon exists and should be implemented, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said yesterday. "No other avenue is open to us," Shamir told the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

Israel would seek maximum coordination with the governments of Lebanon and the U.S., he promised. It would do all in its power to enhance the sovereignty and independence of Lebanon, while taking full account of its own security needs and therefore re-deploying the Israel Defence Forces to new lines in Southern Lebanon.

Shamir said that the U.S. had not officially asked Israel to stay on the present lines.

But he conceded that some American officials had voiced doubts and reservations about the

IDF redeployment.

Earlier in the committee meeting, Yossi Sarid (Alignment) argued that Lebanese President Amio Jemayel had already made up his mind to renege on the agreement with Israel because he realized that Israel and the U.S. had neither the power nor the resolve to free Lebanon from Syrian domination.

Jemayel is acting as though the agreement was never signed, Sarid said. Israel must act the same and begin establishing the vital security arrangements it requires in Southern Lebanon to enable the IDF to make a total withdrawal soon.

Speaking in Beit She'an yesterday, Deputy Prime Minister David Levy said that the IDF will redeploy to lines that guarantee the safety of its soldiers and that will contribute to restraining the Syrians. Levy was speaking at a ceremony during which he was granted the freedom of the city by the local council, it was reported. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

It's 50 shekels to the dollar

Post Economic Reporter

The selling price for the U.S. dollar at commercial banks today is expected to reach 50, following several days of relatively high devaluation. The dollar sold yesterday at 54.97, about 38 agorot more than the previous day. This represents a .8 per cent devaluation of the shekel.

Since the beginning of the month the shekel has devalued by some 2.4 per cent relative to the dollar, which means a 7 per cent rate of monthly devaluation. This is 2 per cent higher than the 5 per cent devaluation targeted by the government's economic policy announced last October.

If the rate of devaluation at the end of July is above 5 per cent, it would be the third consecutive month of a devaluation higher than planned under government policy. Economic observers would likely interpret this as a gradual turnabout in the Treasury's policy.

Terror grows in Gaza Strip

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Terrorist activity in the Gaza Strip has increased since Israel's withdrawal from Sinai, the O/C Southern Command Aluf Haim Erez said yesterday.

"The present quietness in the strip is superficial," he insisted in an interview over Gali Zahal, the IDF's radio station.

Israel completed its withdrawal to the international boundary last spring and Erez said that since then there have been more terrorist at-

tacks in the adjacent Gaza Strip than in previous years.

Hundreds of suspected terrorists have been detained, and hundreds of grenades and large quantities of weapons and other ammunition have been found. Attempts have also been made to disturb the peace in schools, but the army is geared to nip such incitement in the bud, he said.

Erez warned that terrorists may also try to attack Negev settlements through Jordan and the army has been taking precautionary measures, he reported.

Weatherman offers no relief for another 48 hours

Jerusalem Post Staff

BEIT DAGAN. — Burning easterly desert winds yesterday sent temperatures soaring to near-record highs around the country and the weatherman predicts little relief for today.

The Meteorological Institute here said this is the hottest July in almost 20 years. In Eilat, the mercury hit 46 degrees, Jericho registered 42 degrees, Afeka 42, Beersheba 41, Lod 37, Jerusalem

37, Haifa 33, and Tel Aviv, 32. High humidity in many parts of the country added to the discomfort, with the highest — 64 per cent — measured in the Gaza Strip.

Temperatures in July are normally about 10 degrees cooler. The all-time record for hot weather in the country was set in Kibbutz Tirat Zvi in the Beit She'an Valley in June 1942, when the temperature soared to 53 degrees.

Continued hot weather is forecast

for today, with a very slight drop in temperatures expected in the afternoon. The *sharav* (heat wave) may continue for as long as 48 hours.

Dozens of brush fires broke out yesterday in the Jezreel and Beit She'an valleys, where temperatures reached 40 degrees in the shade. A Jewish National Fund forest went up in flames near Megiddo and a wheat field was destroyed by fire at Moshav Devora.

In Haifa, several people were overcome by the heat and taken to hospital. The local Magen David Adom station reported that the number of collapses was higher than normal.

In Beersheba, it was also 40 degrees in the shade, but with low humidity. The market was far less crowded than usual, with residents tending to stay at home or at work, rather than to move about.

NEWSBEAT

Wisdom of hindsight in Sinai

NEARLY all of the former Yamit settlers and the government officials who dealt with the question of their compensation to whom we spoke in researching these articles, agreed with the wisdom that comes from hindsight, that it would have been much better had the settlers been offered alternative settlements in Israel proper instead of mere cash compensation.

The one exception to this near unanimous opinion was Matti Shmuelovitz, the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, who was the last in a long row of senior government officials to be put in charge of the thorny problem of compensation. Shmuelovitz says that although the idea of rehabilitative compensation and the establishment of alternative settle-

ments sounds logical on paper it simply wasn't practical.

"Sure there were settlers who wanted us to build another Yamit for them near Caesarea. But when we got down to practical terms it turned out that all the evacuees, as individuals, wanted money and didn't want the government to interfere in what they would do with it in organizing their future lives."

While most of the 1,500 urban evacuee families have taken their money and scattered to the four winds, two-thirds of the 378 farm families from the Yamit area have continued in farming within Israel proper. Of these, over 150 families have been resettled in two moshavim, Netiv Ha'asara, named after the abandoned settlement of the same name in North Sinai.

In this fourth of a series of five articles, Jerusalem Post correspondents DAVID KRIVINE and YOSEF GOELL continue their report on how Northern Sinai residents were compensated after the area was evacuated in April, 1982, under the Israel-Egypt peace treaty.

which has been set up in the coastal sands between Kibbutz Yad Mordechai and the northern edge of the Gaza Strip, and Ein Habesor, in the Eshkol region of the western Negev which abuts on the east of the Gaza Strip.

(The two small kibbutzim of the Yamit area, Sufa and Holit, were transferred to a new site across the border to the western Negev. A spanking new Moshav Dekel has been established in the same general area for 48 urban evacuee families from Yamit who have decided to try their hand at farming.)

Sixteen months ago, in reporting on the final stages of the evacuation of the Yamit area before its return to Egypt, one of us visited the 40-odd families from Moshav Netiv Ha'asara who were living as "refugees" in a holiday camp in Ashkelon waiting for the preparatory work to be completed at the site of their new settlement. On a visit to that site all that one could see was unceding sand dunes dotted with multi-hued maritime containers which held the household goods of the settlers, (Continued on page 4)

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Safed	11-23	36
Haifa Port	77-25	33
Tiberias	34-21	36
Nazareth	33-21	36
Afula	17-19	40
Sharon	15-20	38
Tel Aviv	56-21	32
B-G Airport	24-20	36
Jericho	16-23	42
Gaza	64-23	31
Beerseba	10-20	40
Eilat	9-28	45

Some 7,000 olim arrive this year

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Aliya increased by 22.8 per cent during the first half of this year in comparison with the first six months of 1982, with 6,978 olim arriving since January, compared to 5,681 a year ago.

Most of the increase was due to western immigration, which rose by nearly 40 per cent.

According to the Jewish Agency's alia department, the 4,940 western olim is the largest since the establishment of the state, except during the peak years from 1969 through 1973.

Last month, 353 Jews moved here from the U.S., compared to 188 in June, 1982.

But alia from the Soviet Union remains at its nadir, with only 41 arriving last month out of 102 who were allowed to emigrate. The rest — 61 — settled elsewhere. During the first six months of this year, only 180 Russian Jews settled here out of 639 who were given exit visas.

Maissi, Ha'aretz Paris correspondent, dies

PARIS (AP). — Elie Maissi, Paris correspondent for Ha'aretz for the past 15 years, died Saturday of a heart attack, it was learned yesterday. He was 72. He is survived by his widow and daughter.

Maissi was born in Jerusalem and studied at the School for Oriental Studies in Paris from 1925-29. After teaching in Damascus, he returned to France in 1933 where he obtained a degree in electrical engineering.

At the outbreak of World War II, he fought for France in a special company of foreign volunteers. He was captured by the Germans in 1940 and remained a prisoner of war until 1943 when he was transferred to a concentration camp.

Liberated by the Americans in 1945, he joined the American army. He was later awarded the Croix de Guerre and named a Chevalier of the French Legion of Honour.

English-speaking guides at IDF exhibition

Post Defence Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Israel Defence Forces yesterday began providing English-speaking guides at its exhibition at the fair grounds here.

The English-language tours start every hour on the hour, a spokesman said.

Some 65,000 people have visited the exhibition since it was opened last Thursday.

ISRAEL WILL

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He emphasized that Israel would act to reduce to a minimum any danger of a military flare-up with Syria. "That proves that every arrangement in Lebanon depends on us more than on the Syrians," Levy said.

He added that both the Americans and the Lebanese know Israel's position regarding the deployment of the IDF in Lebanon. "We aren't waiting for anyone's approval of the IDF's new lines there," he said.

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Firm Israeli no to Bonn-Riyadh tank deal

By ASHER WALLFISH

Post Knesset Correspondent

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir yesterday said that Israel was and still remains totally opposed to sales of West German arms to Saudi Arabia.

Shamir told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee that there is absolutely no basis to reports that Israel would compromise over the planned sale of West German Leopard tanks to Saudi Arabia and agree to accept some German compensatory gesture, in return for ceasing to oppose the sale.

The foreign minister made this statement in reply to a proposal by Labour's Yossi Sarid that Israel should first cancel all its arms sales to Argentina and then ask West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl to emulate Israel's readiness to give up economic benefit and cancel his

arms sales to Saudi Arabia. Kohl is due in Israel at the end of August for an official visit, it was announced yesterday in Bonn and Jerusalem.

Shamir said there is no possible comparison between selling arms to an Arab country which seeks to destroy Israel and selling arms to any other country in the world, just as there is no possible comparison between the Holocaust and any other event in human history.

Joshua Brilliant adds: In reply to a question during a Gali Zahal interview, the OC Southern Command Aluf Haim Erez said yesterday that supplying the Saudis with Leopard tanks could endanger Israel. Saudi Arabia has a major base at Tabuk some 250 kilometres south of Eilat, has a permanent force in southern Jordan in the past and may deploy a force again if tension rises, he said.

U.S. expects to see Begin without Arens and Shamir

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — U.S. officials said yesterday that they do not expect Prime Minister Menachem Begin to bring Defence Minister Moshe Arens and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir with him on his visit here, scheduled for July 27.

The State Department and the Israeli Embassy say they are still working under the assumption that Begin's visit would take place on schedule. Officials of both countries said the visit would probably be very short, compared with Begin's previous trips to America.

The premier, they said, may stop over in New York City to rest, but he is not expected to make a very high profile visit — presumably because of his ailing health. The entire visit, they said, could wind up in three days.

With the exception of his November 1982 visit, which was cut short because of the death of his wife, Aliza, that would make the forthcoming visit the briefest since Begin took office in 1977.

Lebanese President Amin Gemayel is due at the White House on July 22.

Tunik to check U.S. report on Israel's foreign debt

Post Economic Reporter

Following American press reports last week of a possible crisis over Israel's foreign debt, State Comptroller Yitzhak Tunik has been asked to obtain the U.S. government report on Israel's foreign loans position.

The Knesset State Control Committee yesterday decided to ask Tunik to try and get hold of the U.S. Accounting Office report, which contains details of Israel's debt position, and its capacity to continue repayments.

The committee yesterday debated the state of the country's foreign debt, but decided that figures contained in the U.S. report

would have to be viewed before any recommendations could be made.

Committee chairman Avraham Katz-Oz (Alignment), said it was essential that a swift end be put to rumours doubting Israel's capacity to meet its foreign debt obligations. The U.S. report would scotch the rumours he added, in the absence of equivalent Treasury statistics.

MK Dan Tichon (Liberal) said that the Treasury had refrained from presenting complete statistics on Israel's foreign debt position to the committee for fear of adverse publicity. Tichon proposed that the Treasury supply the figures to the committee, with the assurance that they would not be made public.

HEBRON ATTACK

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weapon was grabbed from him or whether his attackers fired back at the three settlers who drove up.

The three settlers, all young men, chased the attackers towards the cemetery across the road from the market, firing into the air with their weapons. None of them attended to Gross who apparently was able to stagger 10 metres before falling to the ground. The three young men also abandoned a small boy who was in the car with them.

The shots from Gross' weapon were heard by soldiers on duty at Beit Romano (where he had come from), but in the immediate panic that ensued in the market the soldiers "correctly" stayed at their posts, according to the report. Beit Romano is the closest military emplacement to the area of the attack, but the soldiers could not have seen what was happening because of intervening buildings and rooftops.

People and motorists in the market all tried to flee the area, blocking military vehicles on their way to the area.

Azuz abu-Sneina, a local man, apparently mistook Gross, whose body was covered in blood, for his son and assumed he had been shot. Gross' skull cap and glasses had fallen off where he was originally stabbed. Most of the wounds were in the abdomen and chest.

Ahu Sneina took Gross' body in his Peugeot sedan to the nearby Alia hospital where a doctor proclaimed him dead. A thorough investigation by the civil administration found no grounds to support the allegations of malpractice by the Arab doctor, which were later made by the settlers.

It has not been established when abu-Sneina realized that he made a mistake in identity, but as soon as Gross' death had been established, he insisted on removing the body.

A military doctor arrived at the hospital a few minutes after abu-Sneina had left with the body. By the time the doctor arrived at the abu-Sneina home, settlers had already taken Gross' body in a Kiyat Arba ambulance to the military clinic.

Doctors at the army clinic at the military government headquarters also immediately established that Gross was dead but did try to revive

him. Their report states that he had no pulse and that his pupils were dilated, contrary to repeated statements from the settlers that he was still alive when he reached the clinic.

The Israeli doctors also found no fault with the examination and action of the Arab doctor at the Alia Hospital. They concluded that Gross had died between 30 and 45 minutes before he arrived at the military clinic.

The investigation also covers the arson in the market later in the day when settlers set fire to Arab-owned stores and stalls, causing extensive damage. The army says it will pay compensation "if we are approached."

There were a large number of troops stationed in the area at the time, and they were under explicit instructions to avoid any confrontation with the settlers that might lead to the use of arms.

A large crowd of settlers, most of them armed, had gathered to accompany the funeral procession to Jerusalem. The atmosphere was highly charged and bordered on hysteria, according to the report, noting that several settlers even fired into the air.

Fires started in several places simultaneously and, according to soldiers and police officers in the area at the time, could not really have been prevented because of the crowd, the alleys and lanes of the market and the nighttime darkness.

Nonetheless, the fire raged for almost two hours and no arrests were made. "There was a long moment when nothing was done," said an officer present at the time last night.

Soldiers detained three or four people for obstructing the soldiers and later submitted their particulars to the police. No one has been detained or questioned in connection with the actual arson.

Among those who have had complaints brought against them are Shalom Yitzhak (nicknamed "Shitz"), one of the settlers, and two people believed to be Americans.

UN holds conference on Israel-S. Africa

VIENNA. — A UN conference on Israel-South African relations opened here yesterday. The central theme of the three-day meeting is the close relationship between Israel and South Africa in the political, economic and military fields.

Dominating the conference are representatives of African, Arab and Soviet-bloc countries. Western countries stayed away and this decision to boycott the meeting was seen as a political setback for its organizers.



Druse militiamen yesterday prepare a Land Rover-mounted Katyusha launcher for practice firing on maneuvers in Lebanon's Shouf Mountains. (Yossi Elmakim, IPPA)

IDF commander suspended for harassing trainees

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — An Israel Defence Forces company commander has been suspended from duty and several junior commanders imprisoned, for meting out over-harsh treatment to soldiers undergoing basic training in the Givati Infantry Brigade, the IDF spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman's brief statement said the suspensions resulted from "excesses regarding training and sleeping."

The spokesman would not confirm specific charges made yesterday that the trainees, a group of yeshiva students, had been made to carry comrades on stretchers while proceeding on their knees, and that one soldier had been tied up and forced to imitate a barking dog.

A well informed source said that when one soldier complained of pains in his leg he was sent to a military doctor who told him nothing was wrong. The soldier was then forced to continue his training, and he is now awaiting surgery.

Soldiers also complained that their sleep was interrupted. The standing regulations which say they should be permitted uninterrupted sleep between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. were violated, the sources said. Addressing military correspondents here last week, the outgoing head of

the IDF's training department Aluf Uri Simhoni said his instructions stipulated that without his personal approval no base commander could approve deviations from these orders.

Reports of the harsh treatment became known when soldiers' parents complained to the Har Tzinn yeshiva in Alon Shvut where many of the soldiers have been studying. (The soldiers are serving under the Heder programme which combines military service with yeshiva studies.)

The IDF spokesman's report said decisive action was taken as soon as the complaints were heard. The unit's area commander, where the unit is training visited the camp in question and met with the commanders. He then met the soldiers and reportedly told them not to be afraid to complain.

Clearly, the IDF's high command has been aware of the possibility that it may not get accurate reports about basic training. Aluf Simhoni told the military correspondents last week that in order to prevent "excesses" he used to invite groups of soldiers undergoing basic training to his office every Friday. The soldiers, chosen at random, would be asked what they had done, he said. It was not clear why the conditions at Givati were not discovered in the first place.

Strike by health workers postponed until Monday

By MARGERY GREENFELD

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The government hospital paramedical workers and Health Ministry personnel yesterday decided to postpone their general strike until next Monday.

The strike was scheduled to start this morning. It would have virtually paralyzed government hospitals by leaving them without laundry, cleaning, maintenance and clerical services and would have also closed all Health Ministry offices.

However, the Government Hospital Workers Union and the Union of Ministry Office Workers decided at an emergency session yesterday in Tel Aviv to accede to the requests of the Civil Service Commission and the head of the Histadrut's trade union department, Yisrael Kessar, to delay the strike until after the Sunday cabinet meeting.

The workers are demanding the implementation of the Padeb Commission recommendations which, for the past 10 years has called for the equalization of salaries and working conditions of government health workers with those extended to their counterparts in Kupat Holim Clalit.

If the cabinet fails to support

implementing the recommendations, mainly a demand for a 40 per cent "erosion allowance" on certain allowances that were granted in 1978 and the inclusion of other salary elements in their pensions, the workers will begin their open-ended strike on Monday morning.

Magen David Adom workers, who began a series of sanctions yesterday afternoon, threatened further steps tomorrow if management does not open negotiations on their salary demands by then.

So far, the MDA staff committee has announced that it is stopping overtime work, transport for patients discharged from hospital to their homes and transport home for doctors working night shifts in MDA stations.

Meanwhile, hospital nurses are continuing to gather names on a petition calling for the establishment of a separate section for hospital nurses, either within the Nurses Union or preferably as an independent body in the Histadrut.

BAGRUT. — The Education Ministry has announced that the grades from this year's matriculation exams and the backlog from past years will be ready by the start of the coming school year.

119 killed as Ecuadoran jet crashes into mountainside

QUITO (AP). — An Ecuadoran jetliner slammed into a mountain and burst into flames as it was about to land in the Andean city of Cuenca yesterday, killing all 119 people aboard, aviation officials said.

The Boeing 737 operated by Ecuador's TAME airline carried 112 passengers and seven crew members. Most of the people aboard were Ecuadorans.

Cuenca is 435 km. south of Quito, where the flight originated. Ecuador's civil aviation director, Gen. Eduardo Duran, said he did not rule out the possibility of sabotage, but he did not elaborate. Duran said the jetliner was the newest belonging to TAME — acronym for military air transport of Ecuador — which carries both military and civilian passengers as well as cargo.

Leader of Fatah dissidents calls for mediation talks

By DAVID BERNSTEIN

Post Middle East Affairs Reporter and agencies

The leader of the dissidents challenging Yasser Arafat's leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization sounded a conciliatory note yesterday. He was quoted as confirming that "Arafat remains the leader of the revolution," calling for a meeting of the Fatah general council to mediate the dispute between the two sides in Arafat's mainstream Fatah group.

Sa'id Mussa (Abu Mussa) told the Kuwait daily al-Qabas that he opposed the term "mutiny" to describe the two-month-old crisis in the PLO since he and several other Fatah officers based in Lebanon's eastern Bekaa Valley challenged

Arafat's leadership. "I would rather call it a bid to think aloud," he was quoted as saying.

Mussa also appeared to dissociate himself and his fellow dissidents from too close a subservience to Syria.

"We will not allow any party, Arab or non-Arab, to hit Palestinian positions," he said, noting that "if I felt that Syria was attacking Fatah positions I would not hesitate to hit at the Syrians."

Meanwhile, mediation efforts to end the dispute continued yesterday, with a Cuban team arriving in Tunis from Damascus, while Saudi Arabia's education minister, Sheikh Abdulaziz Kbuwaier, returned to Mecca from Damascus on a similar mission.

Dulzin criticizes Bronfman's proposal

By JUDY SIEGEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Zionist Executive chairman Arye Dulzin yesterday criticized the proposal by World Jewish Congress president Edgar Bronfman for the U.S. to repeal the Jackson-Vanik Amendment, calling the suggestion "irresponsible and seriously flawed."

Dulzin was reacting in the Executive's weekly meeting in Jerusalem to Bronfman's recent article in *The New York Times*. In it,

Bronfman advocated the repeal of the amendment by Congress in exchange for an agreement by the Soviet Union to change its policies on Jewish emigration. The amendment was passed by Congress in 1974 to link U.S.-Soviet trade policies to the Russians handling of exit visa requests by Soviet Jews.

Bronfman wrote that repeal of the amendment might be viewed as a goodwill gesture by the Soviet authorities and induce them to allow more Jews to emigrate.

ZEALOTS

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dropped from the tops of buildings around the square. Squads of sweating border policemen rushed up and down the steep streets, driving people off the pavements with their batons.

Police first charged at the crowd at about 7 p.m., rushing down Rehov Strauss on the ultra-Orthodox, who were sitting in the middle of the usually busy intersection. In this first foray police used little violence, hitting the ground with their batons and corralling the ultra-Orthodox against the walls of buildings in Rehov Mea She'arim.

Police then withdrew up Rehov Strauss and again set out in forays against the zealots in the square below. During a lull between these forays the large plastic garbage bins were set alight and stools were thrown at police. Squads of border policemen were sent into the alleys to arrest the stone throwers.

After a policeman sitting in a truck was hit on the head by a stone and rushed off to Haddasah Hospital, police seemed less restrained. Individual policemen

were also attacked by small crowds, which included many women. Jerusalem police chief Tati-Nazir Rahamin Comfort said policemen had orders to use their clubs "only absolutely necessary." Police did not use tear gas, though some gas was released from hand-held canisters by the ultra-Orthodox.

Rabbi Moshe Hirsch of Naftali Karta said yesterday there would be more demonstrations. "The crowd which had gathered in an open field behind Mea She'arim had originally planned to march on Area G, but police apparently made it clear that they would not allow this march."

Standing in the heat of an afternoon shavur, the crowd heard long speeches on the "desecration at Area G," and then a curse asking for divine intervention "to cut of the hands" of the desecrators.

The crowd also expressed marked hostility to local and foreign journalists. One woman reporter wearing long sleeves and a dress was roughed-up and police had to help several television crews threatened by the crowd in Kikar Shabbat.

U.S. OPPOSED

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factious, including cabinet secretary Dan Meridor's comments after Sunday's cabinet meeting that no formal decision on rebuilding the Jewish Quarter in Hebron had been made.

Also restraining the administration, U.S. officials said, were the repeated assurances by Defence Minister Moshe Arens in recent days that the Israel government would not permit Jewish settlers to take the law into their own hands. Israeli military authorities, Arens has said, would maintain law and order in Judea and Samaria

equitably among Arabs and Jews. Finally, the administration has adopted a clearly more friendly posture toward Israel in general since the signing of the Israeli-Lebanese troop withdrawal agreement two months ago. Public U.S. criticism of Israel since then has been muted — as was the case yesterday regarding the situation in Hebron.

On Friday, the State Department was also relatively mild in rebuking Israel for the dismissal of Hebron's mayor and city council. A U.S. statement simply noted that such a step was unhelpful in the peace process.

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Tomorrow, Wednesday, July 13, there will be a Haga exercise throughout the country, in which Haga and police personnel will participate, in addition to aircraft. The sound of firing and explosions will be heard, and all sirens will sound the all clear at 8 a.m., for one minute. In the event of a real attack, the sirens will sound a rising and falling note.

Shostak urges national health insurance law

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

The clearest and most urgent lesson of the doctors' strike is the need for a national health insurance law, Health Minister Eliezer Shostak yesterday told the Knesset.

Reviewing the ministry's activities, Shostak said that such a law, which has already passed its first reading, would give the individual the right to receive vital medical services and would impose on the state the obligation to provide them.

The country's health system requires a fundamental and immediate reform, Shostak said. The

present multi-faceted organization is too clumsy, and with so many different bodies involved there is duplication and waste and no prospect of progress or success.

He said this is the case despite the fact that the national expenditure on health is among the highest in the world—about 8 per cent of the gross national product.

The minister said that during the strike, the health funds, with which 90 per cent of the public is insured, had violated their contractual and public obligations towards their members, simply abandoning them to their fate.

The minister faulted the public for having borne its suffering "in complete submission." There was grumbling and bitterness and criticism, he said, but the public had failed to rise up and aggressively demand the medical services that were its due.

Following are some of the points made in the debate:

Victor Shemtov (Alignment, a former health minister): The crisis in health services stems from the change in the ratios between three elements—in recent years the number of patients has increased but the number of general hospital beds had decreased, and so has medical and nursing manpower.

Nava Arad (Alignment): Shostak must resign. The level of medical care has deteriorated, and budget cuts have caused the deaths of some patients and the worsening of the condition of others.

Shmuel Halpern (Agudat Yisrael): The number of the chronically ill and elderly patients is on the rise, and a partial solution to the problem is to make use of hospital space that is not being exploited.

Mordechai Virshubski (Shinui): A separate system of wage agreements should be inaugurated, encompassing doctors, nurses, X-ray technicians, and hospital administrative

and service workers. This would prevent strikes in the medical services.

Yair Tsaban (Alignment-Mapa): The strike could have been settled in the first week, under the Porush-Duda'i agreement which would have cost the Treasury much less.

The agreement accepted by the Israel Medical Association called for doubling the doctors' basic wage, among other things, but it was repudiated by the Treasury because the IMA was violating the national wage framework agreement.

The debate was not concluded.

Zamir sets final deadline on arbitrator

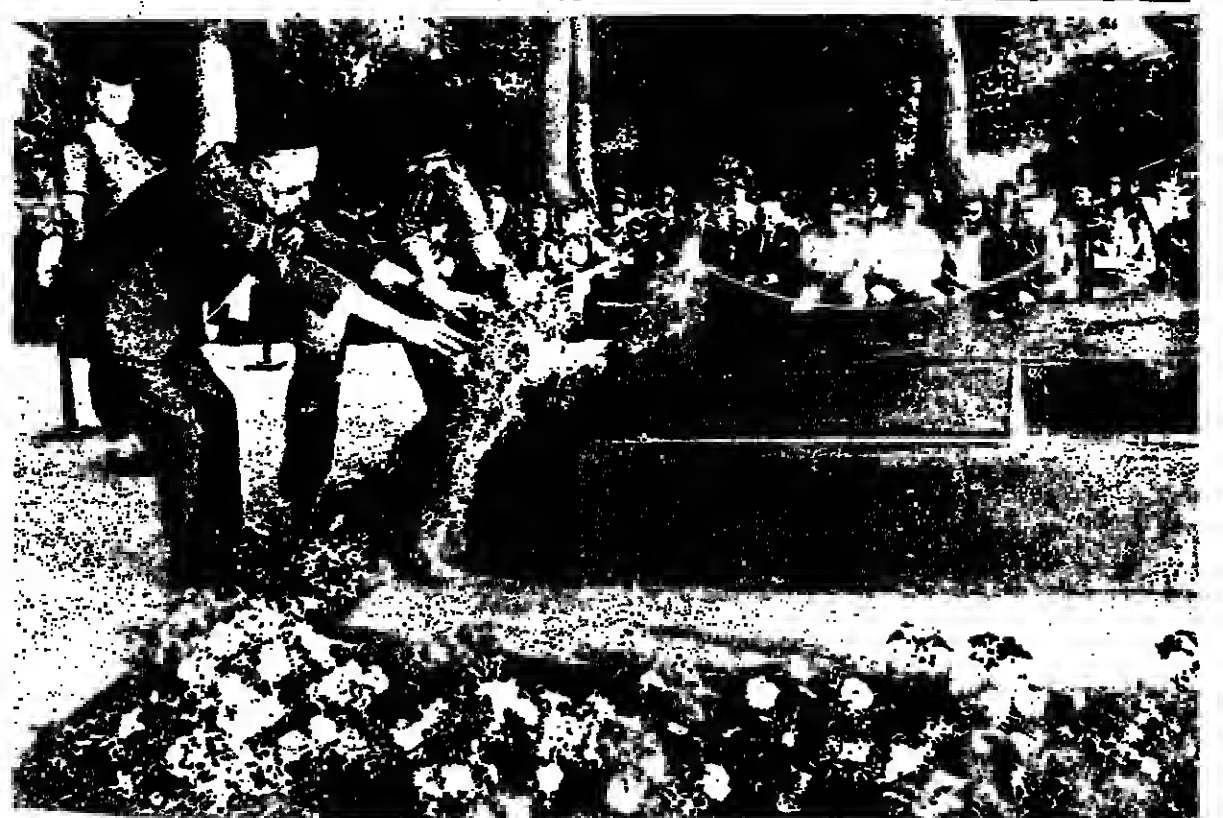
Jerusalem Post Reporter

All attempts to find an arbitrator acceptable to both the Israel Medical Association and the Treasury came to nothing again yesterday. If the two sides cannot reach an agreement by 9 tonight, the decision will be turned over to the Jerusalem District Court.

Both sides are still keeping the names that have been proposed a closely-guarded secret. All contacts on the question have been conducted by telephone so far, and

IMA chairman Dr. Ram Ishai said last night that no meetings have yet been scheduled for today.

According to the arbitration agreement signed last Tuesday evening, the two sides had 48 hours to choose an arbitrator. By mutual agreement, the deadline was extended by 72 hours, until Sunday. When this time limit ran out, Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir set a final deadline of 9 tonight, after which the matter would be referred to the district court.



Prime Minister Menachem Begin, assisted by an Israel Defence Forces officer, places a wreath on the grave of Ze'ev Jabotinsky and his wife during a ceremony on Mt. Herzl, Jerusalem, on Sunday, on the occasion of the 43rd anniversary of the Revisionist leader's death.

(Rahamim Israel)

Private financing urged for local elections

Post Knesset Correspondent

Deputy Finance Minister Haim Kaufman said last night that the political parties should go out and raise funds privately, to finance the municipal elections at the end of October and should not depend on the taxpayers' money this time.

Kaufman said this to *The Jerusalem Post* privately, having spent several hours haggling within the Likud, the coalition, and with the opposition.

Finance Minister Yoram Aridor has said he would agree to state financing for the elections, provided the ministries cut their existing budgets to release the required amount.

The Alignment suggests an al-

location from the Treasury of IS300 per voter. The National Religious Party suggests only IS150.

Inside the Likud, one proposal is that the allocation be calculated according to more than one criterion: to reflect the vote for the mayors of the municipalities as well as the councils, and to reflect the results of the 1981 Knesset elections.

The NRP does not agree that the calculations should reflect the results of the 1981 Knesset elections however. It suffered a drastic loss of strength in 1981 as a result of the depredations of Tami and Tehiya, and shrank to half its former size.

Histadrut Secretary-General Yeroham Meshel yesterday condemned the process of "collective

donations" to political causes and said it is forbidden throughout all Histadrut companies and institutions.

"Contributions should be on a purely voluntary basis," he said in a speech to employees of the Coop Supermarket chain in Haifa.

Although he did not say so directly, Meshel was clearly referring to the case of the Hamashbir Hamerazi, whose workers received a letter last week advising them that one day's pay would be deducted from their salaries to finance Dov Ben-Meir's campaign for mayor of Tel Aviv.

Ben-Meir said he knew nothing of the automatic deduction scheme, and that as soon as he found out about it, he ordered it stopped.

Judge won't rule on colleague's honesty

BEERSHEBA (Itim).—Magistrates Court Judge Yehuda Haiman on Sunday disqualified himself from adjudicating a case in which he would have to decide whether a fellow judge and personal friend was telling the truth.

Haiman's dilemma arose from a 13-year-old property dispute, in which his colleague was involved at the time as the lawyer who handled the sale of an apartment to a new immigrant, Jacky Peretz. When Peretz applied for a building permit in order to enlarge the flat, he found that he was not listed as the owner.

Peretz then asked the seller to sign over possession of the flat, but the man refused, insisting that he had never sold Peretz the flat and that he had been hospitalized at the time of the sale. Peretz then found that he had bought the flat from the man's brother-in-law, who today insists he had the owner's power-of-attorney to sell the flat.

Peretz took the matter to court in 1979 and it has now come up for a decision. However, when his attorney asked the court to summon the lawyer who carried out the sale,

Judge Haiman was no pleased to discover that the former lawyer is, now Magistrates Court Judge Yoav Katan.

"I am liable to have to face the problem of deciding whether he (Katan) is telling the truth," said Haiman. "It seems to me that, under these circumstances, I must disqualify myself, because of the special relationship of friendship with his honour, Judge Katan."

In order to avoid additional suffering to the plaintiff, Haiman recommended that a receiver be appointed to conclude the dispute, which he said would be faster than the judicial process.

Supreme Court 'first': all-woman bench

It was "ladies day" in the Supreme Court yesterday when for the first time the bench was made up entirely of women: Miriam Ben-Porat (president), Shoshana Netanyahu and Hanna Eynor, acting justice, who was recently appointed president of the Tel Aviv District Court. (Itim)

Aridor decides to keep Timna mines working

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Finance Minister Yoram Aridor decided yesterday to keep the copper mines at Timna open. After a meeting with top economic officials, Aridor announced that the mines would continue to operate despite heavy losses incurred in past years.

There are 300 workers employed at the mines.

Abba Eban joins ranks of great world orators

The International Platform Association of the U.S. has elected MK Abba Eban as one of the 10 best English-speaking orators of modern times.

The others are: Daniel Webster, Abraham Lincoln, Winston Churchill, Franklin Roosevelt, Martin Luther King, John Kennedy, Adlai Stevenson, Gen. Douglas MacArthur and William Jennings Bryan.

The International Platform Association was founded in Massachusetts in 1831.

Only 2 MKs hear complaints from poor neighbourhoods

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Although 13 of the 32 Knesset members from Gush Dan have agreed to lobby for action on social problems in the greater Tel Aviv area, only two, Nava Arad (Alignment) and Mordechai Virshubski (Shinui) attended a meeting held by the Association of Poor Neighbourhoods on Sunday evening to acquaint them with the issues.

In addition, four Knesset members said they would be willing to help on an individual basis, two referred the lobby request to others, and one, Shimon Peres, said the

MKs from his party are doing all they can to help poor neighbourhoods.

Issues raised at the meeting included lack of sufficient day care facilities for pre-school children and for the aged, inability of families in overcrowded housing to raise the money to buy new flats, and the problems faced by residents of condemned housing.

The last problem arises because nobody (whether private landlord or public agency) will make repairs in such housing since it is condemned. However, the tenants continue to live there, and may do so for

decades, because they cannot afford better housing elsewhere.

Virshubski said the Knesset recess should be used to gather together all those Knesset members seriously interested in the lobby, so that they can study the problems more thoroughly.

He added that it might be possible to have the municipality issue temporary building permits to allow repairs, renovations or expansion of housing which, though scheduled for demolition, is still occupied.

Arad said there is a general misconception that Israeli poverty is concentrated in the development

towns, while in reality most of the problems are concentrated in the poor neighbourhoods of the large metropolitan areas. She stressed that not all the problems can be solved by the Knesset, and that the remedy is not always new legislation. She said that "we can bring problems to the attention of the public, and we can push municipalities or government agencies to take action."

Elimelech Roo, Association chairman, said that the Association is planning a large meeting at the Knesset when the new session begins.

New bill bans public smoking

Post Knesset Reporter

A bill forbidding smoking in designated public places passed its first reading in the Knesset yesterday evening.

The bill, initiated by Akiva Nof (Likud) and Uri Sabag (Alignment), passed its preliminary reading a year ago.

The places in which smoking will be forbidden are specified in a supplement to the bill, which can be changed by the minister of health with the approval of the Labour and Social Affairs Committee.

In addition to places where smoking is already forbidden the list includes hospitals and public libraries (except in areas specially designated), in elevators, and in classrooms.

Only half a dozen members were present during most of the debate.

IDF beefing up infantry as result of Lebanon war

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Defence Forces are strengthening the infantry following lessons drawn from the war in Lebanon. Several Nahal battalions have been merged into a brigade giving its men a higher level of training and new recruits are being trained for another infantry brigade — Givati. Givati, a regular infantry brigade in the first years of the state, later became a reserve brigade.

Infantry units will continue to have armoured troop carriers and other tank corps elements, but training will be amended as a result of lessons of the war. The infantry will walk more and ride less.

Military sources explained that the Lebanese terrain has areas impassable to vehicles, necessitating the use of infantry. Moreover, infantry units equipped with anti-tank weapons were very important in modern battlefields, the commander of the Golani brigade said in a recent interview.

Treasury to let Nazi victims join German pension scheme

Post Economic Reporter

The Treasury has decided to amend its month-old decision prohibiting Israeli citizens from joining a West German pension scheme and will allow victims of Nazi persecution to join it.

To June the Treasury decided to forbid Israeli citizens to make welfare and social payments abroad using foreign currency. This measure was directed at the large number of persons who had registered for the German scheme, making it impossible for them to acquire the pension rights it grants.

In justification the ministry as-

serted then that the large number of Israelis registered would have caused a serious foreign currency loss.

Yesterday the ministry decided to enable citizens who had suffered from Nazi persecution to join the scheme.

The Treasury declared that it had never intended to prevent victims of Nazism from joining the scheme, and thus its decision yesterday has nothing to do with the petition for an order nisi which some citizens filed following the Treasury's decision last month.

Police release 3 Palestinian leaders

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Three of the leaders of the Palestinian Communist Party on the West Bank were detained late on Sunday night and released towards midday yesterday after being questioned about alleged incitement.

Bashir Barghouti, the editor of the communist weekly *Al-Taliya*

published in East Jerusalem was detained at his home in El Bireh.

One of his senior writers Abdel Magid Hamdan was taken to the Jerusalem police headquarters at 2.30 a.m., while the former deputy mayor of Bethlehem and trade union activist George Hazboun was taken from his home in Bethlehem. All were released in Ramallah.

Alignment ally to contest TA mayoralty

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Independent Liberals will run independently in the Tel Aviv municipality election despite their agreement with the Alignment. Deputy Mayor Yitzhak Artzi, the Independent Liberals' candidate for mayor, told a press conference yesterday that the decision was made with the full understanding of the Alignment.

Artzi said he is running for mayor (without hope of winning) because it is traditional that parties which run for the Tel Aviv council also have a candidate for mayor.

"If there were only two candidates, perhaps I would have decided not to run," he said. "But

there are four, and the head of the religious list will surely be the fifth, so why should I keep myself out of the race and create the impression that I am less competent than the others?"

Artzi said his candidacy will hurt the other candidates, but the Independent Liberals decided to do what they thought was best for themselves.

In other municipal elections, the Independent Liberals will appear on the Alignment list, unless there are also agreements like that reached in Tel Aviv. In Tel Aviv, however, the Independent Liberals' freedom of action extends to after the elections, with all the options left open.

CAVE OF PATRIARCHS

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The impression of tension and animosity for their own political reasons," one military source said. The curfew is due to be lifted again today and, if reimposed, will apply to a smaller section of Hebron.

Meanwhile, more than 80 per cent of the settlers at Alon Shvut, the largest settlement in the Gush Etzion area, have returned their personal weapons to the settlement's armory to reinforce their demand to either have the army protect them fulltime or have the orders regarding the use of weapons relaxed.

Shmuel Adler, the settlement's representative on the Council for Jewish Settlements in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, said that residents of Alon Shvut are demanding the status and rights of members of the civil guard when it comes to using arms on guard or escort duty. They are demanding "a clearer definition of self-defence which would find expression in the rules covering when to open fire."

Three or four other settlements in the area are considering similar action, Adler said.

Representatives of the Kiryat Arba settlers last night met with Defence Minister Moshe Arens and apologized for the violence and insults he was subjected to when he visited Hebron last Thursday after the murder of a yeshiva student.

The settlers demanded revision of the orders covering the use of their weapons, along with a decision to expand the Jewish quarter in the town.

According to the settlers, Arens accepted their apologies but made no commitment regarding their demands. The minister told the settlers that the Israel Defence Forces is doing and will continue to do everything it can to maintain law and order in the territories.

At yesterday's meeting of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, Mapam MK Victor Shemtov protested that chairman Elisha Ben-Elsar had not scheduled a discussion on the most urgent issue on the agenda—the events of last Thursday in Hebron.

Ben-Elsar promised that Arens would report to the committee this morning.

Court refers El Al pilot to receiver

An El Al pilot who petitioned the High Court of Justice to order the government to show cause why it should not change its decision to ground El Al on Saturdays and holidays has been told that he can ask the airline's receiver and the district court dealing with the liquidation to change the decision.

The court rejected the petition, but did not require the pilot, Doron Cohen-Nuv, to pay costs.

The court said that if the pilot makes such a request, up-to-date economic data "which are without doubt an important element in the structure of facts that must be considered in the matter before us" would be examined.

In rejecting the petition, the court said that the petitioners did not give sufficient consideration to changes in the legal picture since they turned to the court on previous occasions. (The petitioners cancelled his original petition at the time El Al stopped operating). The most important change is that the company has been put into the hands of a

receiver who now has a legal standing in the matter.

By ignoring this change, the court said, the factual material presented is based on suppositions. In fact, the court said, the receiver and the district court have studied the economic significance of stopping flights on Saturdays and holidays. (Itim)

Artisoff commission to meet tomorrow

The state commission looking into the murder of Haim Artisoff a half century ago will hold its next open session at 11.30 a.m. tomorrow at Beit Romano, 9 Derech Yaffo in Tel Aviv.

The commission will hear the second half of the testimony of Hanan Ziblick who testified on June 19. Also due to testify are Yehzekel Steimatzky and Emanuel Dweik, the commission announced yesterday.

CHESS. — Some 30 players from 10 countries are competing in the World Junior Chess Championship, being held this year in the Holon municipal library. The week-long competition began last Thursday.

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The Zaire troupe will give a demonstration before their round of performances, at the Tel Aviv Museum, on Thursday, July 14, 1983 at 11 a.m. Dance and folklore buffs are invited (at a reduced admission fee of IS 100).
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52 killed in first big Sahara clash in 18 months

RABAT. — Major fighting erupted suddenly in the Western Sahara Sunday for the first time in 18 months as the Organization of African Unity (OAU) consulted King Hassan of Morocco about holding a referendum in the disputed territory.

The Moroccan news agency MAP said 50 Polisario guerrillas were killed when 1,000 of them in 150 vehicles fought a day-long battle against the Moroccan garrison of M'sied in the northern part of the former Spanish colony.

Moroccan casualties were reported as two dead and 30

wounded.

It was the first major clash reported by the Moroccans since January 11, 1982, when the Polisario attacked Abetteh, 70 kilometres west of M'sied. Both outposts are key links in a 650 km. chain of defences that protect the main towns and phosphate mines in the area.

The attack was launched the same day that an OAU mission left Morocco for Senegal after delivering a message to Hassan from Ethiopian leader Mengistu Haile Mariam, current chairman of the organization, to discuss moves for a

peaceful settlement of the conflict.

An OAU resolution passed at a summit in Addis Ababa last month urged Morocco to talk directly with Polisario guerrillas, but Rabat has so far refused.

On Friday night, Hassan declared in a broadcast that even if the referendum resulted in a negative vote for Morocco, nothing obliged him to offer a "rabble of mercenaries" the Sahara "on a golden platter."

In Algiers, headquarters of the Polisario Front, the guerrillas confirmed they carried out a "major" attack in the western Sahara, but

refused to comment on reports by Morocco that guerrilla forces were repulsed and suffered heavy casualties.

Polisario representatives in Algiers said they would not comment on the report until they had received more information from their own sources. But the guerrillas issued a communique yesterday afternoon saying that "initial reports from the battlefield indicate that the fighting is still going on today and that the enemy forces are overtaken by panic and disarray because of continuing human and material losses." (AP, Reuters)

Chad government forces said gaining upper hand

N'DJAMENA (Reuters). — Chad government troops and rebels were still fighting yesterday inside the key eastern town of Abeche, government sources said.

The sources claimed that the government troops, which had to evacuate Abeche on Friday, now had the upper hand.

Chad's charge d'affaires in Paris said on Sunday that the town had been retaken from the rebel forces of former president Goukouni Oueddei. But the report was not

confirmed in N'Djamena, and the rebel radio in northern Chad said insurgent forces were still in control of Abeche.

Information Minister Soumaila Mahamat told reporters that French arms supplies had been shipped to the front but he added that Chad had issued a fresh call to France "for a more active participation."

Military sources said on Sunday that tons of arms, including mortars, anti-tank rockets and rifles, have

been pouring into N'Djamena. But France has turned down repeated requests for direct military involvement.

In their drive, the rebels have won control of more than a third of Chad, an impoverished, landlocked country twice the size of France. A Western analyst monitoring developments in the fighting said that to turn the advantage, government forces must recapture Abeche, the country's second most strategically important city, and take

the Soviet.

The Soviet media made clear yesterday that Moscow is backing the anti-government rebels. In a report in Moscow on the latest fighting, the official news agency Tass referred to rebel leader Oueddei as "chairman of the transitional government of national unity and leader of the front for the national liberation of Chad."

It described the government in N'Djamena only as "the Hissene Habre regime."

Glomp: Polish martial law to end soon

WARSAW (AP). — Roman Catholic Primate Jozef Glomp, returning from 11 days of consultations with the pope, said yesterday he expects martial law to be lifted July 22, Poland's national holiday.

As Glomp spoke to reporters at the airport, Poland's major national dailies and official news agency PAP asserted in commentaries that Poland was moving swiftly in that direction.

Glomp also indicated that amnesty for some political prisoners might accompany the full lifting of martial law, which was declared December 13, 1981.

The press commentaries — remarkably similar in tone and conclusion that Poland is nearing an

end to all formal elements of military rule — were seen here as the first step in a media campaign to pave the way for a move by parliament later this month to lift martial law. "When implementing the state of war, the authorities said it would not last a day longer than necessary," recalled the government daily, *Rzeczpospolita* (Republic).

HUSSEIN. — King Hussein of Jordan left France yesterday on a private visit, appointing his elder son as regent for the second time, officials said in Amman. Crown Prince Hassan, the King's brother who usually acts as regent, is on an official visit to Belgium.

Iranian defects to Turkey in Phantom jet

ANKARA (Reuters). — An Iranian air force pilot, apparently seeking asylum in the U.S., has defected to Turkey in a Phantom jet fighter, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman said he landed

Sunday in Van, about 80 kilometres west of the Iranian border.

He said the pilot, named by newspapers as Iraj Fazeli, was being questioned by officials and that the plane would be returned to Iran when another pilot was sent to fly it home.

Polish defector swims to Sweden

KALMAR, Sweden (Reuters). — A defecting Polish engineer swam safely to Sweden after jumping from a yacht while one of his crew mates shot at him with a pistol, Swedish police said yesterday.

Andrei Dins, a 30-year-old electrical engineer who said he lost his job because of his involvement with the banned trade union

Solidarity, jumped into the sea Sunday as his vessel entered the Strait of Kalmar on Sweden's southeast coast.

Tourists who helped him ashore after his 600-metre swim said they heard shots from the yacht which had chased after him. Dins said two bullets grazed the rucksack he was carrying.

Millions of Chinese struggle to check Yangtze floodwaters

PEKING (Reuters). — Millions of people struggled yesterday to stop the mighty Yangtze River sending floodwaters cascading through one of China's most heavily populated regions.

Torrential rain has pushed a 1,500 kilometre stretch of the country's biggest river up to critical levels in five provinces and official reports spoke of desperate efforts to shore up dykes and mop up already flooded areas.

The *China Daily* said, at least two

people died in the eastern province of Anhui in floods which brought down power lines, cut off water supplies and engulfed large areas of farmland.

The paper quoted the Anhui daily as saying a community of 3,000 peasants had been stranded.

The rain began last week and was still falling yesterday. Officials predicted the Yangtze would rise even higher as water poured off the mountains of southwest Sichuan province.

The river level has already risen 2.5 metres above warning marks near Jiujiang in central Jiangxi Province and the industrial city of Wuhan in neighbouring Hubei has been badly hit.

The other province affected is central Hunan. Radio reports from the capital, Changsha, said efforts were being made to contain the waters of the Dongting Lake, which flows into the Yangtze.

The five provinces have a com-

bined population of nearly 277 million people. Two other provinces, Jiangsu and Zhejiang, where the river flows into the Pacific Ocean at Shanghai have been less severely affected, according to reports reaching Peking.

Reports from stricken areas along the 6,300 km. river say millions of people have mobilized to shore up the dyke system holding the Yangtze on course or to contain local flooding.

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some of whom were busy transplanting swaddled palm trees which had been uprooted from the abandoned Yamit moshav.

The most encouraging thing to report on a return visit 16 months later is that the palm trees have all taken root and are flourishing in the sand dunes. They lend an ambience of permanency to the new settlement which now numbers 67 families. The transplanted moshavnikim are living in pre-fab concrete slab homes which are slated to become farm warehouses and workshops once their permanent homes are completed.

The pre-fabs are part of the munificent compensation terms granted to the farm evacuees and especially to those who agreed to continue in agriculture. All such farm families were given an extra grant which is the equivalent of over IS1 million in today's terms, and the cost of the pre-fabs, which is estimated at a further IS800,000 in today's values, will be written off as a grant for those settling in Netiv Ha'asara and Ein Habesor.

The major activity of the Netiv Ha'asara settlers in the past half year and more has been the construction of their permanent homes. The homes that have already been finished and are occupied are mostly imported wooden houses, which are strikingly handsome but create an anomalous impression of a piece of Finland having been grafted onto the Saharan desert, palm trees and all.

One of Netiv Ha'asara's problems is that only 55 of its 67 families are former Yamit area moshav farmers, the other 12 having been landless proletarians in Yamit. There is a tremendous gap between the lordly compensation awarded to the ex-moshavniks and the (comparatively) paltry compensation of the former salaried settlers. The new moshav is devoting some of its general funds to bridging these gaps, but the basic discrepancy will express itself primarily in the size of the different homes and in the sumptuousness of their interior appointments.

Very little has yet been done on the agricultural side of the new moshav. The intention is to give every family 40 dunams of which an average of 17 dunams per family have been levelled and prepared for irrigation so far in an attempt to copy the conditions the settlers enjoyed in the old Netiv Ha'asara, which was one of the agricultural wonders of the Israel of the 1970s.

Israel Zabari, the moshav secretary says that the results of the first experiments in raising tomatoes and cucumbers have far exceeded the most optimistic expectations with extraordinary high yields.

The main problems, he says, lie not in the nature of the land and climatic conditions on the new site,



IRA supporters march yesterday in Mullaghmore, Ireland to commemorate the death of IRA hunger striker Bobby Sands. In the background is the gate lodge of the late Lord Mountbatten's castle. Mountbatten was assassinated by an IRA bomb in 1979. (UPI telephoto)

UK Parliament to discuss terrorism bill

Jerusalem Post Correspondent LONDON. — A new Prevention of Terrorism bill has just been introduced into the House of Commons.

It seeks to extend the special police powers of arrest and detention to international terrorists and would enable the home secretary to proscribe organizations which appear to him to be "concerned in terrorism occurring in the United

Kingdom and connected with Northern Irish affairs."

While much of the bill concerns northern Irish terrorism, one section deals with international terrorism. If passed, it would give the police powers to arrest and detain, for up to forty-eight hours without a warrant, "persons suspected of terrorism involvement."

The bill is likely to be opposed by the Labour Party but is expected to be passed eventually.

Genscher briefs Shultz on Moscow talks

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher briefed Secretary of State George Shultz yesterday on last week's West German-Soviet summit and planned to give President Reagan an assessment later in the day.

The meetings in Moscow between West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Soviet President Yuri Andropov produced signs that

the Kremlin wanted to improve badly strained Soviet-American relations, according to German officials.

U.S. officials said Reagan and Shultz would listen carefully to Genscher's report and then study prospects for improving relations with Moscow, including the possibility of a summit between Reagan and Andropov.

Sri Lankan police to take criminals' footprints

COLOMBO (Reuters). — Sri Lankan police will take footprints of suspected criminals as well as fingerprints in future.

Most criminals in Sri Lanka do not wear shoes and the state-run *Sunday Observer* newspaper said yesterday the police had decided on this measure as many criminals left footprints at the scene of their crimes.

Backgammon finalist

MONTE CARLO, Monaco (AP). — Bill Robertie, a computer engineer from Boston, won the 8th annual World Backgammon Championship and the \$80,000 dollar first prize on Sunday by defeating Simon Naim of Israel 25-22.

Two hundred players from 31 countries participated in the five-day tournament, which bills itself as the richest and most important backgammon competition in the world.

Sports

Israeli in final

Post Sports Reporter

Young Israeli runner, Mark Handelsman ran the race of his life yesterday to qualify for the final of the men's 800 metres at the World Student Games in Edmonton, Alberta.

Handelsman, a 22-year-old student, clocked 1:48.08 to clinch second place, in his semi-final heat behind Soviet champion Viktor Kelinkin. The final takes place today.

Handelsman is considered a good Israeli prospect for the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles — he has already bettered the Olympic qualifying time in his event, set by the Israel Sports Federation.

The condition of critically injured Soviet diver Sergei Shibaev remained unchanged last night. The 21-year-old was still said to be in critical condition after smashing his head on the diving board and falling unconscious into the pool during competition on Saturday night.

Girls tennis debut

Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel made its debut in the La Touquet Amie Soisbault Cup international team tennis championship, for girls aged 20 and under, finishing runner-up to Italy in the plate event this weekend.

After losing 2-1 to host-nation France in the opening round of the main draw, in the plate the Israelis beat both Greece and Belgium by 3-0 and then Holland 2-1 in Friday's semifinals. Rakafet Binyamini was the most successful player in the final stages, winning her singles match against Holland and then doing the same in Israel's 2-1 defeat by Italy on Saturday. The other members of the team were Ody Bialostocki, Sagit Doron and Ruthi Sverdliff.

Meanwhile, Israel yesterday in Belgrade opened its challenge in the 34th annual Galea Cup, the boys' equivalent of the Amie Soisbault. A total of 30 countries are taking part.

Germans to play Swiss

By JACK LEON

Post Sports Reporter

Following its 3-2 win over Israel at the weekend, West Germany's Davis Cup tennis team plays host to Switzerland in the European Zone 'A' final to be played at the end of September. The Swiss team overcame Holland 3-2 in its weekend semi final.

Had Israel won its match, it would have met Switzerland, generally considered a weaker nation than the Germans.

In the European Zone 'B' semi-finals, also played over the weekend, Yugoslavia beat Bulgaria and Hungary defeated Austria, while in World Group quarter finals, France beat Paraguay, Australia beat Rumania, Sweden beat New Zealand and Argentina beat Italy.

Crowe lifts Kiwis

Post Sports Staff

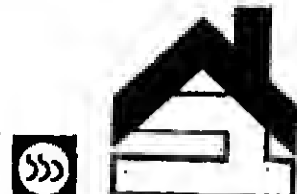
LONDON. — A century from New Zealand cricketer Martin Crowe steered his country clear of what would have been a humiliating innings defeat at the hands of Middlesex at Lords yesterday.

Following on 152 runs behind Middlesex, the Kiwis looked in danger of being bowled out again before Crowe came to the rescue. Remaining undefeated on 134 at the close, he batted his side to safety at 302 for 5.

The match against Middlesex is the New Zealanders final outing before the first test against England, which starts on Thursday.



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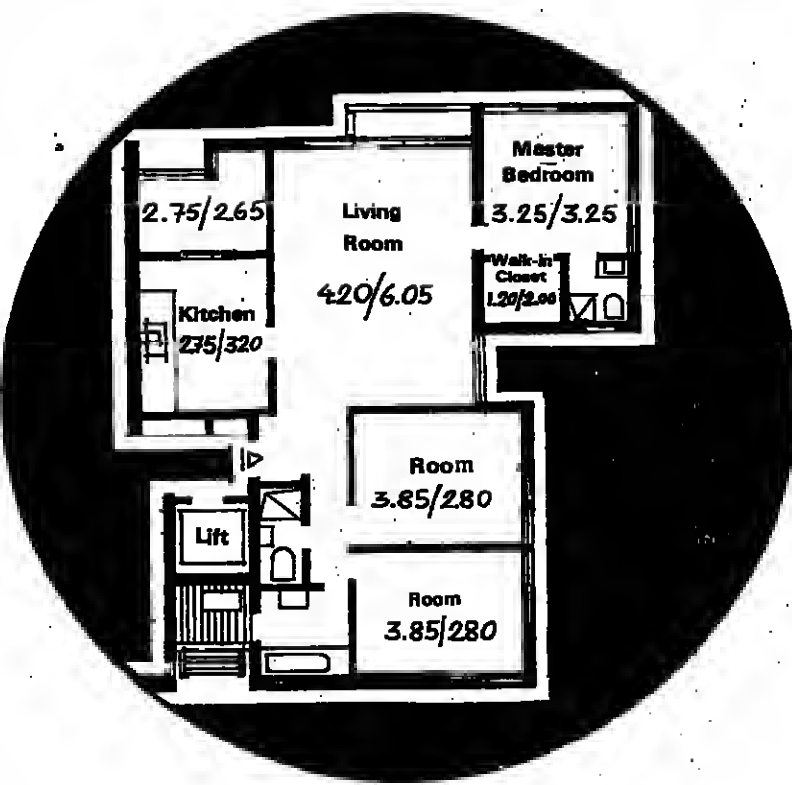
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Coming homeland

By CHARLES HOFFMAN/Jerusalem Post Reporter



Lennox Sebe

urban areas suffer from high unemployment and the problems created by rapid population growth pressing against inadequate housing and social services.

Most of Sebe's hopes are pinned on industrial development projects, particularly labour-intensive industries and crafts. "People need a job that brings them income and a meal a day. To promise more would arouse false expectations."

As an incentive to encourage Ciskei to opt for independence, the South African government worked out a "package deal" of incentives for industry that Sebe describes as "very generous." South Africa also funds the Xhosa Development Corporation, which finances development projects at low interest rates.

Sebe says that this package has doubled the number of factories in the past 18 months since independence. Before then, only about 3,500 people were employed in industry.

His country, he says, can learn some valuable lessons from Israel's emphasis on technical and vocational education; Ciskei needs to train industrial manpower.

MOST OF THE residents of Ciskei's two large urban centres who are employed at all work on the other side of the border, commuting daily to the big industrial centres in East London, King Williamstown

and Port Elizabeth.

An even larger number — over half the citizens of Ciskei — are migrant workers living on temporary permits in South Africa. Sebe says that the ultimate goal is to develop Ciskei's economy so that most of these migrants will be able to find jobs at home. Some, he says, have already been attracted back by rural irrigation projects.

"People should be able to gain by living in their own country and developing their skills there."

Since 1970, over 100,000 Ciskei citizens have reportedly been "resettled" in their homeland by the South African authorities, often without adequate housing services

or job prospects.

Sebe says that since independence, the reverse migration has been coordinated with the Ciskei government and the rights of the individuals have been respected. If the resettlement programme is not job- and home-oriented, then it is bad for both governments.

Another aspect of bilateral relations is security, which together with foreign affairs were handed over to the Ciskei government in 1981. Until then, Ciskei had autonomy in domestic affairs with security and foreign relations in the hands of the South African government.

"There is great cooperation as far as the police is concerned. It can be very dangerous if neighbours do not cooperate. For instance, extradition agreements prevent one side from hiding the enemies of the other."

He denies foreign press reports that Israel is helping Ciskei develop its armed forces, particularly its "air force," which Sebe says doesn't even exist.

CONCERNING TIES with Israel, Sebe notes that the job of the trade mission here is to screen people interested in offering their expertise in Ciskei, and to disseminate information about the country, which, he says, is often distorted in the press.

Israeli investment projects might come at a later stage.

Part of Ciskei's "foreign relations" concerns ties with the other independent homelands. Sebe says they have mutual extradition pacts and have regular consultations on regional and national development projects.

SEBE WAS FETED last week by the Christian Embassy in Jerusalem, as a fellow Christian and friend of Israel. He was educated by Scottish missionaries and became a teacher and later an inspector. He served in high positions in the Ciskei government before independence, and his ascendancy in the ruling National Independence Party is due in part to his status as a paramount chief among the Xhosa tribes.

Asked to weigh the advantages and disadvantages of independence, Sebe noted that a high-level panel — the Quail Commission — was appointed to determine if such a step was advisable. The committee's recommendation was negative, but Sebe says that he was persuaded to go ahead with independence by the favourable package deal for development that was worked out.

Later the issue was brought to a popular vote, in which 99.9 per cent approved of independence, he says.

Since independence, he notes, "we haven't had the riots that used to erupt in schools, towns and rural areas. The youth are being trained to take part in building the country. People feel that the foreign factories are now partners in development, whereas in the past they were the targets of agitators."

"Whatever the disadvantages of independence, the advantages far outweigh them."

migrants shouldn't get proper housing. But more money, and not less, should have been allocated to Project Renewal this year. It should be deducted from rural settlements. Project Renewal gets 10 per cent of the money channelled to them. I think it's a marvellous means of creating contact between Diaspora Jews and Israelis living in those neighbourhoods in a way that rural settlements do not."

LILIAN believes that Project Renewal is the only thing that really matters in agency/WZO activities. She deeply believes that Project Renewal more than any other aspect of Zionist work has afforded Diaspora Jews the missing dimension of direct contact with Israelis. "How else would Brian Lurie of San Francisco know about Tel Hanan, or Bobby Klotz of New York get acquainted with the people of the Hatikva quarter? What the British have done in Ashkelon, for example, is really marvellous, mainly because they have someone like Doreen Gainsford on the spot."

On the issue most exercising Israeli politics, Steve and Lilian Shalom agree to disagree. He is deeply concerned over "the government's pre-occupation with the West Bank. I believe that no people can rule another one. Moreover, I doubt whether most Israelis want that. We've only got to look around the world — at India and Ireland to see that it does not work out. I don't think that the real implications of what is being done now have been properly presented to Israelis."

Magic in the cloisters

MUSIC/Yohanan Boehm

MUSIC IN THE CLOISTERS — Cilla Grossmeyer, soprano; Yehuda Schryer, guitar (Church of the Redeemer, Jerusalem Old City, July 7). Songs by Perle, Dowland, Handel, Rameau, Scheyt, Britten, Granados, Schubert; Guitar Music by Dowland, Bach, Duarte, French Chansons.

SUDDEN ILLNESS kept the third member of the David Trio, recorder player Shlomo Tishar, off the programme, but the other two artists played a highly entertaining and enjoyable selection of old and newer music — light fare appropriate to summer. And few places could be more conducive to a relaxed mood than the beautiful cloisters of the Redeemer Church.

Perhaps concerts should start later than 8 p.m. to avoid the intrusion of the muezzin over the loudspeakers of the nearby mosque. But performers and audience took the competition in their stride, and the beautiful atmosphere of the cloister was preserved until the end.

Cilla Grossmeyer was in good form, her voice enhanced by the marvellous acoustics of the cloisters; she gave the different styles and languages appropriate characterization. No matter how often she appears in concert, she always comes out with new and enjoyable material. Each appearance is a pleasurable and profitable experience.

Guitarist Yehuda Schryer, contributed some beautiful solos. After studying in Jerusalem and London, as well as with Andre Segovia, he won last year's Francis Shapiro Prize as young artist of the year. A solid classical grounding and a sound musical approach seem to guarantee a promising and gratifying career for the 27-year-old artist. I would also like to hear the full David Trio again soon — hopefully in the incomparable atmosphere of the cloisters of the Church of the Redeemer.

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ONE OF the newest independent tribal homelands established by the South African government is Ciskei. With an area less than half the size of the Negev (5,300 square kilometres), it is sandwiched between two of South Africa's main industrial centres in the Eastern Cape.

The president of Ciskei, Dr. Lennox L. Sebe, is now making his seventh visit to Israel. The purpose of the present visit is to examine technical aid and trade projects with Israel coordinated by the Ciskei Trade Mission in Tel Aviv.

The tribal homelands are officially described by the South African government as "frameworks for 'separate development'" in which the various black tribal groupings can modernize at their own pace and find political expression of their distinct identities. Other independent homelands are Bophuthatswana, Venda and Transkei. Ciskei and Transkei are homelands for the Xhosa people.

Israel does not recognize Ciskei or any of the other homelands. Sebe is particularly interested in tapping Israeli expertise in the areas of agricultural, social development and public health.

"You have had great success with rural development," he says "and what appeals to us is your practical approach, emphasis on self-help projects, and leading position in food production. Food is a precious commodity," he reflects, perhaps thinking of the severe drought now afflicting Ciskei and wide portions of Southern Africa.

Ciskei has a population of about 700,000, divided almost equally between urban and rural sectors. As in most African countries, rural areas suffer from backwardness and

STEVE and Lilian Shalom have proved a formidable combination in the Jewish Establishment, in the U.S., the Jewish Agency and indirectly in Israel. Their recent wedding at the Manhattan penthouse apartment of their good friend Edgar Bronfman, President of the World Jewish Congress, was, to judge by the guest list, a tribute to their joint social standing.

The husband came to the leadership of the World Sephardi Federation after being the head of the Syrian Jewish community in New York. His wife's Moroccan origins have inspired her to organizational activities on behalf of her less fortunate brethren. Both have been deeply involved in mobilizing funds to finance Tami, the Sephardi party which is a pivotal partner of the Begin government.

The couple part ways, however, when it comes to supporting the Likud government's concentration on the West Bank to the detriment of social issues. Steve Shalom is more dovish than his wife, as was

noticeable during his exchange with his wife's relative, Deputy Premier David Levy, at the dinner party held in Manhattan in the latter's honour by Israel Consul-General Naftali Lavie early in May.

SPEAKING of their special situation, Lilian Shalom remarks: "We lead triple lives — American, Jewish and Sephardi."

The Shaloms' latest visit here was to participate in the Jewish Agency Assembly. Shalom is a New York real estate magnate who has served as president of the UJA in the New York area, as well as in Israel. He is on the board of governors of the agency and on the WZO Executive. His wife is on the Zionist General Council for the Sephardi

federation. They concur that the assembly was successful, because of the full attendance at all meetings. As Mrs. Shalom quipped: "They were all so busy that no one had time to swim in the Jerusalem Hilton pool."

To Shalom's mind the set-up of the WZO and the agency is anachronistic. Major structural reforms are urgently required, he declared. Shalom holds that a major review is overdue of the agency's activity. There is too much duplication with governmental work, he argued. Absorption of immigrants, for example, should be solely in government hands, while aliyah would be best served by its staying in non-government care. The American Sephardi leader

Party-going puppets

By MARSHA POMERANTZ/Jerusalem Post Reporter

AUDREY is a duck with diabetes. She wants to go to a pajama party, but it's such a drag to have to bring along emergency orange juice and urine-analysis tape. And sugarless candy to eat while all the others are gorging themselves on ice-cream cake.

True, most ducks don't have a sweet tooth, or any tooth at all, for that matter. But Audrey is a puppet, and puppets have peculiar potential. They are also vulnerable to any disaster imagination can inflict.

Audrey is the invention of Susan Linn, a puppet therapist from Boston, who has developed a series of programmes to help children in hospitals or children with chronic medical problems deal with their fears.

Linn, who recently gave a short round of workshops in Israel, says her puppets serve three purposes: they help the child express his feelings — about an impending operation for instance; they give him a feeling of mastery when he can play doctor and do to the puppet the terrible things that have been done to him; and they sometimes elicit information which aids in diagnosis.

Linn was invited by the Israel Puppetry Centre, Meitav, which has headquarters at the Central Jaffa Library. She gave workshops at the centre to theatre students, social workers, kindergarten teachers, probation officers and others in the use of puppets.

There was also a condensed, efficient lesson in ventriloquism ("say Peter-Peter, smiling with your teeth shut").

SUSAN LINN and her friends are the second major puppet therapy project Meitav has sponsored. The first was Kids on the Block, a show designed to help children understand their handicapped peers and accept them as equals. The National Insurance Institute and the Israel Society for Rehabilitation bought the puppets and the play copyright from the American author. The script has been translated and adapted for Israel by Ya'acov Raz of the Tel Aviv University theatre department.

Meitav, founded about two years ago with a grant from the Tel Aviv Foundation for Literature and Art, has concentrated on puppet therapy and neighbourhood theatre.

The centre's director, Yonatan Dubovarsky, recently wrote a play based on the story of Perseus and Andromeda, and directed it as a community project — with puppets two- to four-metres high — in the Neve Ofar neighbourhood. "Most sources say the story took place in Ethiopia, but according to Josephus Flavius, it was Jaffa," says Dubovarsky. "You can see marks on a rock in the harbour where Andromeda was chained." So there was some local patriotism involved in this story of self-sacrifice averted

by a miracle.

Several communities have asked for help from the puppetry centre to set up a puppet theatre and train teachers. The most recent is Kiryat Ekron, a moshav of about 5,000 people, mostly Yemenite families. But Meitav has yet to realize its original plan to be a "home" for serious puppet theatre. The centre lacks the funds to guarantee facilities and publicity, though they have part of the municipal library building at their disposal.

For now, they use stage equipment on loan from Tel Aviv University. All the centre's money has been invested in Kids on the Block; Meitav is a non-profit organization, but there are few contributions coming in.

FARRYL HADARI, of the centre's staff, says "most people's attitude is still that puppetry doesn't have to be professional. That it's just something you do for kids. It's not like Eastern Europe (where puppetry is a serious art)."

She says they have sent letters to more community centres, old age homes and other institutions, suggesting they do programmes together. So far there has been little response.

Presumably, people who speak best through the mouths of puppets are not always skilled at public relations. "Maybe we'll have to be pushier," Hadari sighs.

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Caribbean island has \$3b. annual oil bill Puerto Rico finds Israel's energy experience useful

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel and Puerto Rico are both "islands" from an energy point of view. Both lack indigenous sources of energy and must be self-sufficient in generating electric power, since they can't borrow power from their neighbors in an emergency.

These points were made by the head of the Puerto Rican Office of Energy, Eduardo Lopez-Ballori, in a recent interview with *The Jerusalem Post*. The member of the Puerto Rican cabinet was here last week as part of a delegation that came to work out agricultural development plans for his country.

The 40-year-old minister, trained in engineering and business administration in the U.S., began developing a national policy for his country when he joined the Office of Energy, in 1978. By the next year, he headed the office and has since then been attempting to implement a three-pronged energy policy based on conservation, ensuring reliable oil supplies at low prices, and developing alternative sources for the long run.

Puerto Rico has a smaller population than Israel's (3.3 million) and is somewhat less developed economically, but it has a much larger oil bill: \$3 billion a year for imported fuel, compared to about \$2b. for Israel.

Part of the gap can be explained by Puerto Rico's larger petrochemical industries, that consume considerable quantities of oil,

and by its almost complete reliance on fuel oil to generate electricity. Another factor is no doubt the enormous number of motor vehicles in Puerto Rico — 900,000 compared to 600,000 for Israel.

Puerto Rico has an 80-megawatt hydroelectric capacity that can develop to 150 megawatts, but it wants to start shifting most of its electricity production to coal. Lopez-Ballori said that his country could learn much from Israel's experience in converting to coal and building a coal-fired power plant.

"It makes more sense for us to learn from a small country that has just introduced coal, than to draw on the complex and diverse experience with coal in the U.S. that is many decades old."

He met last week with Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i to explore ways that Israel and Puerto Rico could exchange information and conduct joint projects in the energy field.

Lopez-Ballori is a Republican who belongs to the Statehood Party in Puerto Rico, which has the special status of a commonwealth. He says that his party, which favors statehood for the island, has steadily gained ground in elections over the past 10 years.

He said that if his party wins a majority in next year's elections, it will hold a referendum on statehood, and if the result is positive will petition the U.S. Federal Government to join the union as a full-fledged state.

Farmers press for speedy choice of new Agriculture Minister

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Farmers Federation yesterday called for the speedy appointment of a new Minister of Agriculture so that steps could be taken to solve the severe crisis in farming.

In a cable to Prime Minister Menachem Begin, the president of the federation, Eliahu Izakson, noted that since the death of Simha Ehrlich, the late minister, the situation among farmers had been steadily deteriorating.

Izakson said that unless a new minister was chosen before the Knesset rose for the summer recess on July 27, it would be advisable that the Knesset be called into a special session in order to make the appointment.

As an example of the problems facing the farming community, Izakson noted that two months ago, following a bad citrus export season, Ehrlich had agreed to com-

pensate growers with \$24 million. This money would cover the gap between the cost-of-living index and the real value of the shekel, he had said. The growers estimated that they lost \$36m. this season and were willing to absorb the remaining \$12m.

However, when the growers asked for the \$24m., they were told by the Finance Ministry that only \$10m. would be forthcoming. No mention was made of the remaining \$14m. and the payment was made conditional on the entire citrus industry being reorganized.

Izakson pointed out that to sign "blind" on such a document, as if the \$10m. (plus \$14m. at a later date), were a "gift" and not compensation for the government's monetary policy, was a disgrace. This was especially so since at present the Shoham Committee was discussing ways of reorganizing the industry, and had not yet formulated a decision.

Hofi tries to 'cool' workers' strife at Electric Corporation

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Electric Corporation managing director Yitzhak Hofi met representatives of the works committee's national executive yesterday to try to heal the rift between employees in the north and the south.

During the talks, which lasted three hours, he called on them to stop the conflict that is threatening to split the corporation in two. He told them that the dispute is damaging to both the corporation and the workforce. Hofi also reiterated an earlier warning that he will "take no part" in any moves that may result in a break-up of the corporation.

Hofi told *The Jerusalem Post* that he had called the meeting to try and cool tempers. "I think I succeeded in this," he said.

The long-standing row between the southern and northern district workers boiled over last week, following a number of actions by both sides. The southern area committee sent a letter to Hofi demanding that

clerks based in the north, whose jobs take them all over the country, should in future refrain from working in the south. They also demanded that a special administration department be established in the south to fulfill these duties.

The letter was in response to the insistence by northern area clerks that all purchase order forms should be processed at the Haifa office, instead of in Tel Aviv. The southern branch of the works committee is also angry about a report drawn up by two northern engineers which recommends scrapping the proposed Ashkelon power station project and another power station in the south. The report says the generating units should be added to the existing plants at Hadera and Haifa. They allege that this scheme would save the corporation \$1.5 billion.

Hofi admitted that the underlying problems have yet to be overcome — despite yesterday's talks, but he said he hoped there would now be a respite which would enable the two sides to settle their differences.

Engineers to discuss weapons development

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Science and Development Minister Yuval Ne'eman will open the conference today with a lecture on science and technology in Israel.

Other lecturers will cover a range of subjects from computers and robots to underwater acoustics and the engineering of ships.

'Grant us same status as West Bank towns,' says Dimona's Amir

Charge of economic discrimination

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — High-technology is the key to Dimona's future.

This was stated yesterday by Mayor Jacques Amir (MK, Alignment), who charged that the Begin administration — "which has drawn so much of its vote from development towns like Dimona" — was discriminating against these towns in favour of setting up high-technology plants in the West Bank.

And if Amir was blistering critical of the Begin government, he had little good to say about the Histadrut and its holding company, Hevrat Ovim. The latter had only set up two small plants in Dimona, and its supermarket was "a disgrace and a misfortune."

However, Amir did admit that Naftali Blumenthal, chairman of Koor, had promised to set up a joint project with the Nuclear Research Center, which would manufacture "a by-product of research there."

Amir admitted he did not know when this would be done and how many persons the enterprise would employ.

"Our problem is that we are a young town, bursting with energy. We sent 420 boys and girls to the army this year, and we send the highest percentage of girls in the country. In the army, our boys are the first to volunteer for the most dangerous jobs. It is no secret that the sons of Dimona have replaced the boys from the kibbutzim as being the best-motivated soldiers," he said.

Asked about crime in Dimona, Amir admitted that "there had been a problem some years ago, but it has been solved. Today, Tel Aviv is a crime catastrophe, compared to Dimona."

Some 1,000 youngsters were

studying outside their home town in institutions of higher learning, 600 of them in the universities. "When they finish, they want to come home, but they will find no work here fitting their skills. We already have lost several hundred skilled youngsters to the factories in the north."

Amir wanted high-technology jobs for at least 1,000 workers, who would join a work force of 10,000 employed in non-technological jobs. Although these 1,000 new jobs would be "for our homecoming sons and daughters," he also hoped that

newcomers would settle in Dimona, supplementing the town's 28,000 persons.

"We have 340 empty flats here, and we are renovating another 600."

The key to the problem, he thought, was granting Dimona the same development status, "Alef plus," as that of the new towns in the West Bank. At present, Dimona's status was only "Alef." Upgrading Dimona in regard to government help would help attract a stream of investors, he said.

\$10m. added to Export Loan Fund

Post Economic Reporter

The addition of \$10 million will bring the Special Loan Fund for the Encouragement of Exports to \$30m. A decision to this effect was made Sunday by Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt and by Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Mandelbaum.

The fund grants loans to encourage marketing activities abroad, such as the opening of sales offices and warehouses.

Since its inception the fund has approved \$20m. in loans, but the increasing number of exporters who

turn to the fund has made its expansion necessary.

The deputy director general of the Industry Ministry, Yoram Beizovsky, said that it has also been decided to reduce the interest charged on loans granted by the fund. Currently interest is set at 75 per cent of the Eurodollar rate, but this will be reduced to 50 per cent.

The Industry Ministry has also decided to add \$200m. to the loan capital of the Industrial Finance Corporation, to enable it to extend further help to plants in need of credit.

Severance pay for day-labourers equalized

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The severance pay for workers employed on a daily or weekly basis will be calculated at the same rate as that of workers employed on a monthly basis. This is the gist of a regulation approved yesterday by the Knesset Labour and Social Affairs Committee.

The regulation was proposed by Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Aharon Uzan, in order to

equalize the status of the two types of workers in regard to severance pay.

The severance pay for those employed on a daily basis was previously two weeks' pay for every year of employment, compared to a month's pay for every year of employment for monthly workers.

The regulation went into effect yesterday, but is not retroactive.

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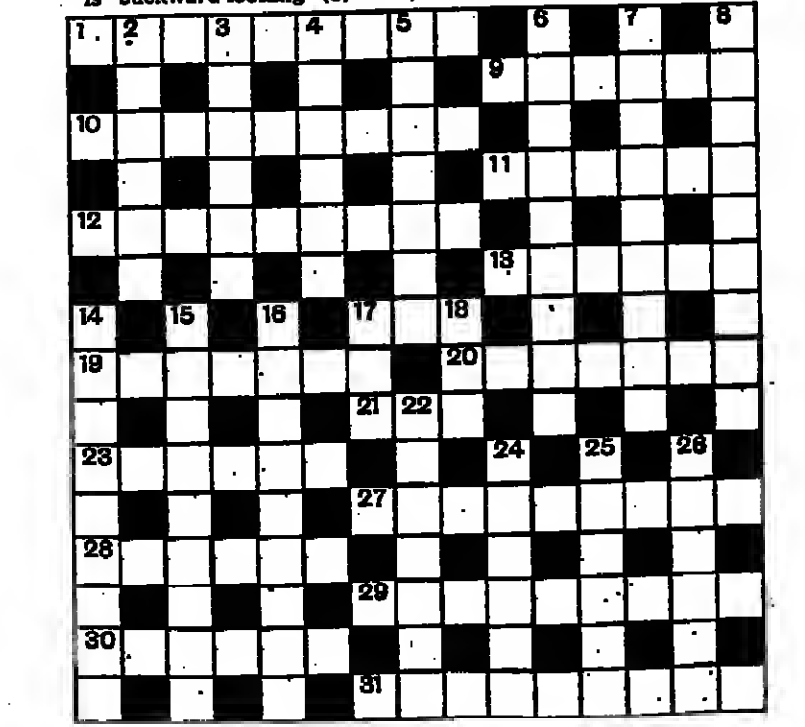
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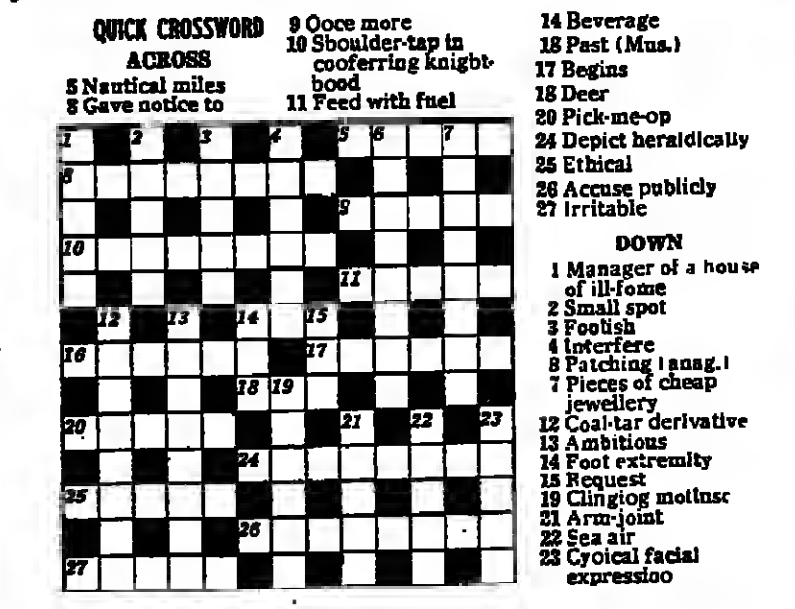
ONE-AND-ONE CROSSWORD

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Bird to kiss and cuddle with William Short (9)</p> <p>9 Execute advice given to ambitious teacher (6)</p> <p>10 Like the philosopher he thought he was? (9)</p> <p>11 No particular key to getting loan at exchange (6)</p> <p>12 Half-time entertainment, perhaps, while players rest? (9)</p> <p>13 Strikers should keep within this fold (6)</p> <p>17 Killer whale or an approximation (3)</p> <p>19 To yale, she makes one flutter (7)</p> <p>20 Great sufferings of characters sea-gorge endlessly (7)</p> <p>21 Dull rug (3)</p> <p>23 Domestic water-beater from Keel, possibly, dry inside (6)</p> <p>27 Despatched by rail, case needs guard's protection (6)</p> <p>28 Parade underneath the arches? (6)</p> <p>29 Pine-cabio of American Indians? (4,5)</p> <p>30 This utensil is incorrectly tagged (6)</p> <p>31 To respect worker in arms is backward-looking (9)</p> | <p>DOWN</p> <p>2 Level loads to Alps? That cannot be right (6)</p> <p>3 Formerly a help to people up at the pob (6)</p> <p>4 Subtle form of undershirt device (6)</p> <p>5 Hero-worshiper to incline the German way (7)</p> <p>6 Old soldier well worth his place in the side? (9)</p> <p>7 Sounds like radio-coat to occupy again (9)</p> <p>8 Unlikely place for these white bloomers is Leeds, we discover (9)</p> <p>14 Manifestly, it is not carried below (4,5)</p> <p>15 Dec. 1, I step out — I put paid to the nuisance (9)</p> <p>16 Noted lay-reader? (9)</p> <p>17 Measure of the resistance put up by some Shiloh men (3)</p> <p>18 Whip-pet? (3)</p> <p>24 Champio mood but thinner (7)</p> <p>24 Marks of divine favour, when commonly unacknowledged, become bad marks (6)</p> <p>25 I say! This? (2, 4)</p> <p>26 eg acornite I spoon out (6)</p> |
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WHAT'S ON

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Jerusalem MUSEUMS
Israel Museum. Opening Exhibition (today): China and the Islamic World: Mutual Influences in Ceramic, Chinese Exhibitions: George Segal, sculptures; The Photographs of Manuel Alvarez Bravo; Oil Lump section; Permanent collection of Judaism, Art and Archeology; Primitive Art from the Museum's collection (Maremont Pavilion). Looking at Pictures (Ruth Youth Wing). Permanent exhibition in Prehistory Hall: Farinelli and Albertini Sing Vivaldi — 18th cent. Venetian Operatic Caricatures (Cohen Gallery). Special Exhibits "New" 5th cent. mosaic from a Byzantine church; Torah Finials (Rimonim) produced in Saffa by Yemenite Jewish goldsmiths (beginning 20th cent.). At the Rockefeller Museum: Kadesh-Barnea, Judean Kingdom Fortress, Paley Center: Wonderful World of Paper.

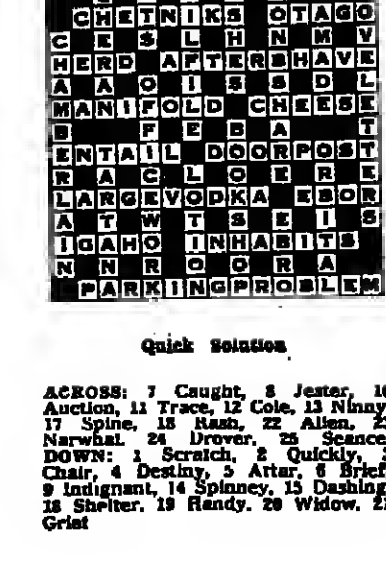
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HADASSAH — Guided tour of all installations — Hourly tours at Kiryat Hadassah and Hadassah Mt. Campus. Information, reservations, 02-461633, 02-425271.
Hebrew University — 1. Tours in English at 9 and 11 a.m. from Administration Building, Givat Ram Campus, Buses 9 and 28.
2. Mount Scopus tours 11 a.m. from the Brookman Reception Centre, Sherman Building, Buses 9 and 28 to last stop. Further details, Tel. 02-582819.
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Tel Aviv MUSEUMS
Tel Aviv Museum. Exhibitions: Expressionists — Buchheim Collection. Jewish Expressionists in Berlin. A. R. Penck Expedition to the Holy Land (Grueneberg). Helmar Finlay (Rimonim) produced in Saffa by Yemenite Jewish goldsmiths (beginning 20th cent.). At the Rockefeller Museum: Kadesh-Barnea, Judean Kingdom Fortress, Paley Center: Wonderful World of Paper.

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Haifa
Concert in Elias Church, Haifa, 43 Meir St., "Sela" youth choir from Umanak, July 14, 7.30 p.m.
What's On in Haifa, dial 04-408440.

Rehovot
The Weizmann Institute. Grounds open to public from 8.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Visitors invited to see audio-visual programme on Institute's research activities, shown regularly at 11.00 a.m. and 3.15 p.m. Friday 11 a.m. only. Tours of the Weizmann House every half hour from 10.00 to 3.30 p.m. Sunday to Thursday. Nominal fee for admission to Weizmann House. No visits on Saturdays and holidays.



TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL:
9.00 Fikuk's House
9.20 Handicrafts
9.30 What a Sleet
9.45 Battle of the Planets
10.05 Domine — drama: part 8
10.45 That's It (repeat)
11.45 Rock group Deep Purple in concert
15.00 Film: Love story taking place in 18th-century France. Based on a George Sand romance novel.
16.30 Jewish settlement in Jerusalem in the mid-1900s
17.00 A New Evening — live magazine
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
17.30 Children around the World
17.55 Paster, Higher, Stronger — sports
18.30 News roundup
18.32 Youth Magazine
18.45 What's the Answer
19.00 Documentary
19.30 News
HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20.00 with a news roundup
20.03 Rhodie Martin Swallows his Heart
20.30 Kolbete — weekly consumer magazine
21.00 Mabab Newsreel
21.30 A Life Such As This — series on Ya'akov Hazan, one of Hashomer Hatzair's founders. Part 1: Hazan's early years
22.00 Laby of the Unexpected. What Have You Been up to Lately?
22.25 News
JORDAN TV (unofficially)
17.40 Cartoons 18.00 French Hour 18.20 (ITV 3 Heikl, 18.45 Target) 19.00 News in French 19.30 News in Hebrew 19.45 Magazine Zero One 20.00 News in Arabic 20.30 Movie of the Week 22.00 News in English 22.15 To be announced

ON THE AIR

Voice of music
6.02 Musical Clock
7.07 Telemann: Concerto No.2 for Flute, Violin, Cello, Piano (Shoham, Chen, Gruber, Greenfield, Mendelsohn, Piano Sonata in B-flat; Glazunov: Song of the Minstrel (Rostropovich); Ram Da-Oz: Aspects for Piano (Klebanov); Spohr: Harp Fantasy, Wilhelmmina Bucherer; Beethoven: Violin Sonata Op.20, 2; Mozart: Symphony No.28, in C, K.202 (Cleveland, Ozawa); Mozart: Piano Concerto in G, K.453; Rostropovich: Suite Arie ed Danse Antiche; Gino: Variations on a Tango; Ravel: Bolero; Chopin in G (Yehli, Wagman, Jerusalem Symphony); Rudan: Brahms: Symphony No.1 (Parz, Munchi); Scriabin: Piano Sonata No.3 (Ashkenazy)
12.00 Recital
13.05 A Mixture of Tunes by Yitzhak Lel, Monteverdi, Castelnuovo-Tedesco, Beethoven, Engel/Sheriff, Viennese, Handel, Fanny Halpern, Rossi, Williams, Tchaikovsky, Krumpholtz, Walton
13.10 Music Magazine
15.30 Children sing Lullabies — Pergolesi; Shabat Miter, with the Hanover Boys Choir, (Hafetz Children's Choir, Ramot Hefer Choir, Mizra Choir)
16.30 Mor-Li Recorder group and Tel Aviv Vocal Consort — Street Cries of London

CINEMAS

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Is the 'bottom' in sight?

TEL AVIV. — Although selling momentum continued to build up yesterday, there were some signs that a "new bottom" was being reached, and that prices might settle down to being either irregular, or even to start rising. Although only 16 shares rose by 5% or more and 88 fell by this margin (another 18 were "sellers only"), several dozen shares remained firm despite sell orders.

Of the seven wild "swingers" listed by the stock exchange, two rose by 10%, and five fell by about 10%. During the previous day's trading, all of the "swingers" fell by 10%.

The Zikil 1 and 5 shares both rose by 5%, while Menorah 5, Iaporo 0.1, Sahar Holdings, Magor 0.5 and Lighterage 1 all fell by 10% or more. There were several other shares which fell by 10%, but generally their turnovers were not great.

Another indication that the selling wave is slowing down is the fact that the General Share Index fell by only 0.60%, compared to 0.71% on the previous day. And if on the previous days all categories fell according to the index, yesterday at least mortgage and commercial banks were spared this.

Among commercial banks, although Maritima and Fionee and Trade continued to fall, there was a definite, but not complete reversal in the shares of the Danot First

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By MACABEE DEAN

International-FIBI group. Danot 1 did fall by 4.2% cent, but Danot 5 remained firm, and both First International and FIBI were firm.

The biggest surprise was the huge selling wave in Discount Investment, which fell by 2.3% with a huge turnover, of IS43.7 million. This share, as is the case with others in the Discount Group, generally enjoys the support of the group, which softens any big sell order.

The hardest hit categories yesterday were trade and utilities, and industries.

As for index-linked bonds, all groups were firm, with a tendency to rise, as is habitual before the index is published on the 15th of the month. This month's index is expected to be higher than usual, and this should cause these bonds to rise. Double Option bonds and bonds traded in foreign currency fluctuated in either direction, while those linked to foreign currency rose by up to one 1%.

Goldfrost announces that its sales this year (1983/84) will reach \$5.5 m., of which about \$1.5 m. will be in exports.

M.G.N. states it finished the 1982/83 financial year with a net profit of IS24.7 m. "But nearly all of this profit was due to the adjustment of the value of its certificates" and not due to actual activities.

Slamex is hunting for a way to mobilize money for petroleum exploration in the Dead Sea area and other places in Israel and abroad.

Pama Investments has paid \$480,000 for 540% of the equity and voting rights to Tansiyet Mesenaim. Pama also agreed to lend this company, which makes filters for vehicles, another \$760,000.

A 20% interim dividend will be paid by the Gavish Provident Fund and 15% interim dividend by the Zamil Fund. In both cases the dividend can be reinvested in the same fund, or it can be sold.

Most active stocks

Mizrahi	1,471	IS80.2m.	+6
Discount Inv.	2,310	IS43.7m.	-55
Dovell Int. Mort.	1,325	IS20.2m.	-25
Shares traded:	15,793.4m.		
Convertible:	15,114.4m.		
Bonds traded:	15,146.7m.		

Bank of Israel exchange rates

	IS
U.S. dollar	48.800
British sterling	74.6897
German mark	18.8478
French franc	6.2734
Dutch guilder	16.8414
Swiss franc	22.8921
Swedish krona	6.3418
Norwegian kroner	6.6594
Danish krone	5.2557
Finnish mark	8.7279
Canadian dollar	39.5435
Australian dollar	42.4855
South African rand	44.3937
Belgian franc (10)	9.4095
Austrian schilling (10)	26.7693
Italian lire (1,000)	31.846
Japanese yen (100)	20.1657
Jordanian dinar	135.33
Lebanese pound	11.40
Egyptian pound	44.4205

Commercial Banks

	Closing	Volume	Change	%
IDB	82000	351	+11	+3
IDB B	3610	37	+70	+20
IDB P.A.	21300	1	n.c.	
IDB on 11	2630	209	-25	-9
Union	269	149	n.c.	
Union on 4	4551	22	+16	+4
Discount	4551	44	+12	+3
Discount A	254	202	n.c.	
Discount B	1471	28	+6	+4
Mizrahi	1471	28	+6	+4
Mizrahi on 11	2680	109	-20	-7
Mizrahi on 3	1086	65	+6	+6
Mizrahi on 6	11300	1	n.c.	
Mizrahi on 7	381	133	+4	+7
Maritima	830	796	-43	-9
Maritima B	399	1,102	-19	-5
Hapoelim	4100	5	-210	-49
Hapoelim B	2375	660	+6	+3
Hapoelim on 7	2030	2	n.c.	
Hapoelim on 13	4790	204	n.c.	
Hapoelim on 6	13250	1	n.c.	
Hapoelim on 8	9100	1	n.c.	

Land, Building, Citrus

	Closing	Volume	Change	%
Oren	215	319	-24	-10
Oren on 1	450	1	n.c.	
Azoria	269	175	+2	+8
Azoria on 1	322	427	-5	-14
Azoria on 2	834	5	n.c.	
Azoria on 3	288	76	-5	-17
Amnonim	266	765	-4	-15
Amnonim on 1	1060	50	+2	+15
Amnonim on 2	699	7	n.c.	
Afrim	231	69	n.c.	
Afrim on 1	125	10	n.c.	
Afrim on 2	220	135	-9	-4
Afrim on 3	161	371	-10	-6
Ben Yakar	574	35	-30	-5
Ben Yakar on 1	461	14	-30	-6
Baranovitz	137	155	-7	-49
Baranovitz on 1	76	313	-7	-7
Baranovitz on 2	79	98	n.c.	
Dankner	181	642	n.c.	
Dankner on 1	231	217	-14	-57
Dankner on 2	227	99	-8	-34
Dankner on 3	21	21	-28	-100
Dankner on 4	330	51	n.c.	
Dankner on 5	162	440	-8	-47
Dankner on 6	1080	2	+30	+29
Dankner on 7	270	8	+8	+3

Mortgage Banks

	Closing	Volume	Change	%
Adunim	304	s.o.i.	-116	-50
Gen. Mortgage	1815	133	n.c.	
Gen. Mortgage B	1815	3	n.c.	
Carmel	2380	54	+11	+5
Carmel on 1	1200	57	+60	+48
Carmel on 2	102	845	n.c.	
Carmel on 3	359	7	+42	+12
Dev. Mortgage	1325	130	-19	-5
Dev. Mortgage B	1325	12	-25	-19
Dev. Mortgage on 1	770	113	-30	-38
Mishkan	4045	170	n.c.	
Mishkan on 1	4035	6	n.c.	
Mishkan on 2	102	845	n.c.	
Mishkan on 3	359	7	+42	+12
Mishkan on 4	1325	130	-19	-5
Mishkan on 5	1325	12	-25	-19
Mishkan on 6	770	113	-30	-38
Mishkan on 7	4045	170	n.c.	
Mishkan on 8	4035	6	n.c.	
Mishkan on 9	102	845	n.c.	
Mishkan on 10	359	7	+42	+12
Mishkan on 11	1325	130	-19	-5
Mishkan on 12	1325	12	-25	-19
Mishkan on 13	770	113	-30	-38
Mishkan on 14	4045	170	n.c.	
Mishkan on 15	4035	6	n.c.	
Mishkan on 16	102	845	n.c.	
Mishkan on 17	359	7	+42	+12
Mishkan on 18	1325	130	-19	-5
Mishkan on 19	1325	12	-25	-19
Mishkan on 20	770	113	-30	-38
Mishkan on 21	4045	170	n.c.	
Mishkan on 22	4035	6	n.c.	
Mishkan on 23	102	845	n.c.	
Mishkan on 24	359	7	+42	+12
Mishkan on 25	1325	130	-19	-5
Mishkan on 26	1325	12	-25	-19
Mishkan on 27	770	113	-30	-38
Mishkan on 28	4045	170	n.c.	
Mishkan on 29	4035	6	n.c.	
Mishkan on 30	102	845	n.c.	
Mishkan on 31	359	7	+42	+12
Mishkan on 32	1325	130	-19	-5
Mishkan on 33	1325	12	-25	-19
Mishkan on 34	770	113	-30	-38
Mishkan on 35	4045	170	n.c.	
Mishkan on 36	4035	6	n.c.	
Mishkan on 37	102	845	n.c.	
Mishkan on 38	359	7	+42	+12
Mishkan on 39	1325	130	-19	-5
Mishkan on 40	1325	12	-25	-19
Mishkan on 41	770	113	-30	-38
Mishkan on 42	4045	170	n.c.	
Mishkan on 43	4035	6	n.c.	
Mishkan on 44	102	845	n.c.	
Mishkan on 45	359	7	+42	+12
Mishkan on 46	1325	130	-19	-5
Mishkan on 47	1325	12	-25	-19
Mishkan on 48	770	113	-30	-38
Mishkan on 49	4045	170	n.c.	
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Mishkan on 66	359	7	+42	+12
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Mishkan on 72	102	845	n.c.	
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Mishkan on 76	770	113	-30	-38
Mishkan on 77	4045	170	n.c.	
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Mishkan on 79	102	845	n.c.	
Mishkan on 80	359	7	+42	+12
Mishkan on 81	1325	130	-19	-5
Mishkan on 82	1325	12	-25	-19
Mishkan on 83	770	113	-30	-38
Mishkan on 84	4045	170	n.c.	
Mishkan on 85	4035	6	n.c.	
Mishkan on 86	102	845	n.c.	
Mishkan on 87	359	7	+42	+12
Mishkan on 88	1325	130	-19	-5
Mishkan on 89	1325	12	-25	-19
Mishkan on 90	770	113	-30	-38
Mishkan on 91	4045	170	n.c.	
Mishkan on 92	4035	6	n.c.	
Mishkan on 93	102	845	n.c.	
Mishkan on 94	359	7	+42	+12
Mishkan on 95	1325	130	-19	-5
Mishkan on 96	1325	12	-25	-19
Mishkan on 97	770	113	-30	-38
Mishkan on 98	4045	170	n.c.	
Mishkan on 99	4035	6	n.c.	
Mishkan on 100	102	845	n.c.	

Financing Institutes

Ozar Ltd. b	872	-85	n.c.	—	Mishnazi 5	10	—	—
Contractors c	872	22	n.c.	—	Minnerv	261	990	—
Agriculture d	320	569	n.c.	—	Minnerv	162	50	—
Land Dev. p.r.	12500	2	-150	-1.2	Mar-Lez op	101	150	—
Clal Lease 0.1	433	—	-45	-9.4	Meshulam 1	300	45	—
Clal Lease 0.5	288	227	-3	-1.0	Meshulam 5	88	128	—
Clal Lease op B	450	—	—	—	Mesh, op 1	103	4	n.c.
Clal Lease op 1	349	128	+4	—	Lifschitz 1	201	623	n.c.
			+1.8	—	Lifschitz 5	123	313	n.c.
					Lifschitz op	91	112	n.c.
Insurance								
Aryeh r	890	328	n.c.	—	Nofit Aviv	3410	50	+11
Aryeh op	32100	—	-100	-3	Nofit Hadar	578	465	-3
Aryeh op B	637	128	-5	-0.8	Solel Bond, p. A	5382	n.c.	—
Aryeh sc. 1 r	1960	—	—	—	Suhaf 1	371	216	n.c.
Aranet 0.1 r	1555	21	n.c.	—	Suhaf 5	721	200	n.c.
Aranet 0.5 r	1200	65	-30	-4.8	Suhaf op	215	15	+
Beusur. 0.1 r	598	3	n.c.	—	Pri Or	877	22	n.c.
Beusur. 0.5 r	1200	3	-34	-4.9	Pr Or op	801	15	n.c.
Reindur. op 1	2	s.o.i.	-1	—	Casapera 0.1	210	246	—
Reindur. op 5	2	1549	2	—	Casapera 0.5	90	196	+
Reindur. 1.0	773	199	-30	-9.9				

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No coexistence here

IT SHOULD still be possible, so it has authoritatively been suggested in the wake of the recent events in Hebron, to persuade the Palestinian Arabs in Judea and Samaria that it is no national tragedy for them to live under Israeli rule. But is it really possible?

The official measures adopted in response to the murder of yeshiva student Aharon Gross last Thursday inside Hebron fell short of what extremist Jewish settlers have been clamouring for. Thus there is to be no stiffening of army policy towards the Arab population in Judea and Samaria, and the settlers will not be allowed to form their own self-defence units. The cabinet did not endorse a proposal made by Ariel Sharon, now minister without portfolio, that the entire area of the wholesale market and the central bus station in Hebron be turned over to the settlers, on the ground that most of the area is Jewish-owned.

But while the settlers keep grumbling, they have good reason to believe that, sooner or later, the government will grant them their every wish. This has been the pattern of their relations with the government ever since a group of supposed "Swiss tourists" under the leadership of Rabbi Moshe Levinger booked into Hebron's Park Hotel in the spring of 1968.

The Labour government at the time would at first not allow the group to stay in Hebron. Moshe Dayan, the then defence minister, saw only friction and trouble in the attempt by Jewish zealots to penetrate Hebron, even though it had been the town of the Patriarchs, and even though it had had a Jewish Quarter until the pogroms of 1929. But then the government succumbed, against Dayan's advice, and the settlers were granted permission, in 1970, to establish Kiryat Arba as a wholly Jewish suburb north of Hebron. At the time, that was a signal achievement for the settlers. But while they seemed to have their hands busy expanding Kiryat Arba, the settlers did not abandon their real purpose: of a Jewish return to the heart of Hebron and perhaps more, no matter what the cost.

The first overt step towards realization of that dream was the unauthorized occupation of Hebron's Hadassah Building by a group of Kiryat Arba women and children in the spring of 1979. Prime Minister Begin, to his credit, criticized the invasion. "In this country," he told the cabinet, "there will be no squatting and no seizing of houses in Hebron, and there will be none in Tel Aviv either. When people just march in and take over houses, they have to be expelled."

But expelled they were not, and in fact their numbers increased. When, a year later, Arab terrorists killed yeshiva student Jehoshua Sloma in Hebron, the illicit occupancy was legalized. When a little while later six Hebron Jews were murdered by terrorists, the cabinet agreed that a "proper Zionist response" would be to revive the Jewish community in town, and Hebron's Mayor Fahd Kawasma was dismissed.

Now his successor, Mustafa Natshe, has been sacked in turn, and the official word is that Hebron's Jewish Quarter is due for a full restoration. And why shouldn't it be restored, a number of ministers naively protest, seeing that there is a restored Jewish Quarter in Jerusalem's Old City as well.

The difference, obviously, is that Hebron's armed Jewish settlers do not intend to confine themselves to one quarter in an Arab town. By harassment and provocation, as has been their wont, these enemies of Palestinian autonomy and friends of outright Israeli annexation are determined to prove to the Arabs of Hebron who is boss.

There is nothing to suggest that, in the long run, the government will fail to uphold the settlers' cause. The appointment of a fair-minded army officer, such as T/A Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, as coordinator of activities in the territories will certainly not deter them from pursuing their appointed course, which Palestinian Arabs may rightly view as a threat.

Arguably it should be viewed as a national threat by Israel as well.

No longer in league

By AMNON DOTHAM

A NEW WIND is blowing over the Judean Hills from the headquarters of the Israeli civil administration on the occupied West Bank, and it bodes ill for the Arab village leagues and the hope that they still represent — the possibility of a dialogue with non-PLO moderates.

The administration's new chief, Tat-Aluf Shlomo Ilia, delivered a series of telling blows during his first 100 days against that hope and against the budding anti-PLO political infrastructure, which had expanded greatly under his predecessor, Professor Menahem Milson. The real purpose of the civil administration, indeed, was to create favourable conditions so that moderate West Bankers could dare to challenge the PLO's monopoly of the political scene — and survive despite the PLO terror apparatus.

Five new regional village leagues were formed while Milson — who resigned amid the furor over the Sabra and Shatila massacres in Lebanon — was in office. Encouraged by their success in holding three large public assemblies not long after Milson's departure, central activists of the leagues concluded that they had to broaden their political base beyond the village sector in order to pose a realistic alternative to the PLO.

These activists, a younger element of the leagues' leadership, began preparations for a West Bank party — "the Democratic Peace Party" — and drew up a platform that called for negotiations with Israel on the basis of the Camp David accords and totally rejected anti-Israeli terror. But Ilia stymied this initiative.

One might assume that Ilia, who doesn't speak fluent Arabic and has no experience of the West Bank, was frightened by that daring move — and was afraid of being identified with any innovations in the period of uncertainty following the replacement of Ariel Sharon by Moshe Arens at the Ministry of Defence.

INDEED, IT WAS only Aren's direct intervention which forestalled another paradoxically perverse move by the new head of the civil administration.

ON SUNDAYS I arrive home with the jitters. My family, knowing that Sunday is my day for the evening shift (noon to 7 a.m.) at Kupat Holim, respectfully keep their distance until I calm down. They know that even after twelve years in development town clinics, I am still not inured to the kind of practice that is expected of me.

To do them justice, most of my patients are pleasant, honest people who take my efforts to dispense good medicine seriously. But it only takes one or two, in a session when I invariably see 30 or more patients (not counting repeat prescriptions), to throw me out of kilter. The fellow who comes in together with the next patient in line, waving his wife's medical-examination-for-a-driving-licence form. "Just sign it please." (Did he say please? Never mind.) I try to explain that this necessitates looking over the wife's medical record as I don't know her by sight; also, at minimum, a stethoscope on her chest. I see no reason why a healthy person should push in front of sick ones, even if she does have to do her theoretical test tomorrow. I ask them to wait. "What, just for that, to wait for all these people?" I tell him I am not a secretary who signs without examinations. "To me you are a secretary," he calls back.

READERS' LETTERS

SEXIST REPORTING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Among the celebrities noticed at the 75th reunion of the Rehavia Gymnasium in Jerusalem (June 24) was Ra'anana Meridor. Your reporter mentioned her as the mother of cabinet secretary Dao Meridor.

Mrs. Meridor is a lecturer in Greek at the Hebrew University and an excellent teacher and classmate. Indeed, almost everyone in Israel who studied ancient Greek in the sixties was her student.

Other women graduates of the Gymnasium were given similar treatment. How long will women be noticed only as their fathers' daughters or their children's mothers? Down with sexist reporting! RIVKAH DUKER FISHMAN Jerusalem.

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At the beginning of April an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue scheduled to be held in the Israeli town of Beit She'an was threatened by Ilia's reported decision to ban the participation of village league members, including their leader, Mustafa Dadein.

Following a last-minute appeal to Arens by Mapam MK Imri Roo, the civil administration spokesman asserted that no such ban had been imposed. There may even be no legal basis for the chief of the civil administration to tell West Bank residents whom they may meet.

Soon afterwards, Ilia showed a more liberal attitude — but precisely towards PLO's West Bank proxy, the National Guidance Council, which was outlawed at the beginning of 1982. Ilia took no action after four of the banned group's senior members met in the Jericho home of one of them, Karim Khalaf.

The other participants were George Hazbaun, assistant chairman of the Communist Party in the West Bank; Bassam Shaka, the deposed mayor of Nablus; and Ibrahim Tawil, against whom the civil administration had not renewed a restriction order.

Perhaps Ilia's effective rehabilitation of the PLO in the West Bank — after it had been in decline during the past year — was no more than the unintended result of the hesitation of this recent appointee to act decisively so soon after he had been forced by the minister of defence to bid a hasty (if disguised) retreat.

But the chief of the civil administration paradoxically showed no such restraint when he deposed the head of the Hebron-area village league, Muhammad Nasser, and disarmed the league's members.

ILIA COMMITTED four serious blunders when he despatched civil administration officers to look up the Hebron league's building after announcing its closure for two weeks, to take back for "routine inspection" the weapons which Israel had supplied, and to detain their leader Nasser.

□ This administrative measure had no validity, as the village leagues are independent and voluntary Palestinian bodies whose representatives are democratically chosen. Ilia may

choose to ignore them, but he has neither the legal nor the moral authority to depose or appoint their representatives.

□ By taking back the limited number of weapons which the civil administration itself had supplied to the Hebron league for self-defence following the assassination of the head of the Ramallah league, Yusef A-Khatib, and his son, Ilia now seems to be signalling to PLO agents an open season against the Hebron league.

□ In deposing Nasser, an electrical engineer who led the dyamic younger elements of the leagues, Ilia has deprived the movement of one of its most able leaders. However, Nasser promises to continue his struggle. On April 25 *The Jerusalem Post* published a letter of protest from Nasser, who has appealed to Israel's Supreme Court and has met both with Likud MK David Magen and with a member of the Histadrut's Arab affairs department in search of support — despite Ilia's opposition.

□ Moreover, in deposing Nasser, the chief of the civil administration has strengthened the pro-PLO opponents of the leagues by creating the impression that the leagues are merely creatures of the administration.

ACTUALLY, ILIA, an intelligence officer from the Northern Command, does not seem to have simply been blundering along from one mistake to another. He is the protégé of two powerful patrons. Ilia was recommended to head the civil administration by then OC-Northern Command Avigdor Ben-Gal, himself a protégé of former chief-of-staff Rafael Eitan.

Ben-Gal, who recently doffed his uniform after his hope of succeeding Eitan was dashed, had wanted his own man in the West Bank.

More significantly, Ilia was also recommended by Tat-Aluf (Res.) "Fuad" Ben-Eliezer, a close acquaintance who scorns the idea of the village leagues and hoped that Ilia would torpedo Milson's policy. Ben-Eliezer had tried to stymie the first village league when he administered the West Bank from 1978 to 1981. During his tenure, aid

It's a doctor's life

By ANN SALTIEL

as he storms out of the room.

An exception, certainly. I suppose I would be justified in crossing him off my list. But what about the lady who, accosting me in the corridor, asks me politely "just for a chit to the dermatologist." What am I supposed to write on the chit? "Dear dermatologist, please see this patient whom I have not examined, nor treated, yours fraternally?" Or should I have asked the lady to strip down in the corridor?

And another: a young fellow who feels shaky, has had a tonsillar abscess in the past and is afraid he has one now. No temperature, nothing special on examination. It turns out he gave blood two days before. My suggestion that that may be the reason for his shakiness is taken with some skepticism. My second suggestion, that he may feel well enough to go to work the next day, brings the reaction *ma pit'om!* He feels he will need three days of sick leave to get over this illness, if illness it is. (Why is a worker only

reimbursed if he is absent for a minimum of three days?) I explain that I do not give out holidays, only certificates that a person is unable to work because of illness, and I do not think he is ill. If he feels no better tomorrow, he is welcome to come again and be re-examined. After some discussion he agrees to come the next day.

And the repeat prescriptions? Hundreds of them. What did people do during the strike? I check everything that goes out under my signature, but I am under pressure and weary of refusing to renew anti-rheumatics, anti-heartburn, tranquillising and laxative pills. How can one doctor overturn the habits of a lifetime of elderly patients, who have been led to believe that Kupat Holim is an organization for supplying nirvana, and that mountains of pills will compensate for a lifetime of abusing their bodies? The few who take my suggestion that a thorough check-up and discussion would be worth sitting in line for,

usually do not regret it — but they are a minority.

AN APPOINTMENT system would obviously be worthwhile. But what of those people who have no phone, or cannot use it, and who "stop by" Kupat Holim for a look-in on the doctor during their daily outing? Or the insomniacs who stand outside the clinic's doors from 6 a.m. to get one of the first places on the list — and then occupy the benches until their turn comes, demanding priority over emergency cases. No, our clinic does not have upholstered chairs, soft music, light refreshment or even newspapers in the waiting rooms.

Is it simply the "generation of the desert?" I don't think so. Many of the younger generation have the same attitudes (witness the gentleman with the driving licence form) that have been passed down from one generation of Histadrut members to the next, aided and abetted by the workers' insurance organization (*Mivtachim*) and the social service. I feel my patience draining through my fingers. Practising in Kupat Holim is a perpetual

fight to maintain standards against the bureaucracy, the indifference of clerical staff, the political infighting among the paramedical staff, the "system" — and, paradoxically, against the patients themselves. Is it a wonder that the clinics cannot attract, or hold, those who might revolutionize public medicine in Israel?

Of course, the Histadrut has enormous credit due to it for its network of clinics, services and hospitals. But its system of payment to doctors (proportional to patient lists) is invidious. Its method of taking payment from patients, without taking into account the use — or abuse — of medical services, is self-destructive. The attitudes it has inculcated in its members are inimical to good — or almost any — medicine. Salary is not the reason I went on strike, although if we had only one salary in the family I could not support us. After four months of the futility and frustration of a bitter strike, we are to return to the same frustrations and futilities? Patient education is too hefty a burden to be taken on by the doctor alone, even with the able aid of a nurse. Where is the dream of free medicine for those who need it, subsidized by the State? Where are the ideals, so tragically betrayed and decayed into what we see today? Where is the leadership?

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POSTSCRIPTS

PS. THE ONLY active synagogue in Cairo, Sha'ar Hashamayim, will soon receive a gift of new prayer shawls and skullcaps, donated by the Conservative co-congregation in Omer.

Members of Magen Avraham, Omer's Conservative congregation, visited Egypt recently and attended a Shabbat service, but found that there was a severe shortage of ritual articles, and that those that existed were in very poor condition. Alan Warshawsky and Dr. Edward Spitz then decided to raise money in Omer. As a result of the effort, other congregants decided to establish a special fund that will distribute charity throughout the year to needy cases. The first beneficiary was a struggling Beersheba widow with eight children. J.S.I.

PS. FOR THE FIRST time anywhere in the world, an edition of the Talmud is being voweled with the help of a computer. The Israel Institute for Talmudic Publications in Jerusalem, which is publishing the Babylonian Talmud with explanations by Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, is using an alpha-micro computer for the job. The setting of the pages and the voweled are coordinated with another computer typesetter. The devices save 20 per cent in editing time. J.S.I.

PS. HE COLLECTS, of course, in a trunk. A circus elephant crippled in a truck accident four years ago has been awarded compensation by a court in the western Indian city of Pune.

A judge ordered the truck owner to pay the elephant, named Rampayari, 23,000 rupees (US\$115,000), the United News of India reported. Rampayari's injuries prevent it from performing in the circus.

PS. "THE CHINESE must have gotten a 99 per cent discount," joked the spokesman of the Communications Ministry when asked about a recent report in *Newsweek* on June 20 about the biggest phone deal that has ever been initiated. The 1.2 billion residents of the People's Republic of China have only five million telephones, or less than one per 200 persons. The Chinese are negotiating with French and Belgian companies to look up all Chinese over the next 15 years with a new digital phone system.

Newsweek said the deal will cost "up to \$500 million." But Communications Minister Mordechai Zipori has been involved in negotiations with these same firms for the price tag around \$200m. The ministry spokesman says that the *Newsweek* figure is "impossible." J.S.I.

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